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Bryneithin protest group prepare for a legal challenge

THE 'Keep Bryneithin Open Group' has vowed to seek a judicial review if the Vale Council decides to close the Dinas Powys residential care home which cares for elderly mentally infirm (EMI) patients.

The central plank of their objection is that they believe the Vale Council's consultation process to be "fundamentally flawed".

Sylvia Bowen, vice-chair of the group, told The GEM that the failure to hold a public meeting during that process meant it was flawed.

She did not accept that a meeting of the relevant scrutiny committee could count as a public meeting. She added that she had written to John Maitland Evans, the chief executive of the Vale Council, outlining this opinion, but had received no reply.

She told The GEM: "A proper public consultation meeting should be well-publicised and all interested parties should be invited, including hard-to-reach groups."

"Charities such as the Cardiff and Vale Mental Health Project should

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

also be at that meeting."

She also told The GEM that the group had made a number of freedom of information requests relating to the closure consideration in March, but that they had still not received a reply.

The group is also claiming that, by declaring a moratorium on admitting new patients to Bryneithin, the Vale Council is denying care to patients who could be treated in those beds.

Another charge made by the group is that interested parties who would like to see the home for themselves are being denied access.

Sylvia Bowen said: "BBC Radio Wales have been denied access, and so has a gentleman interested in taking over the running of the home."

"Is it because anyone viewing the home would see that it is well run, with excellent staff, and is 'fit for purpose'?"

She concluded: "Our relatives will suffer terrible stress, anxiety and confusion and could ultimately lose their lives if this home is closed."

"If the Vale Council continues with its sham consultation, the 'Keep Bryneithin Open Group' will have no option but

to seek legal representation and go to judicial review."

Plaid AM Chris Franks said: "I am very familiar with the home. That is one reason why I oppose its closure. It has excellent staff."

"There is a warm loving atmosphere. Plaid believes that the council should be backing the home. Given the dreadful events in Children's Services, why are they determined to destroy something so good?"

Philip Evans, director of social services, stated: "With regard to the consultation process, the council has not consulted on the future of Bryneithin."

"Our legal advisors have been involved from the beginning to make sure that due process was followed and we are confident that this is the case."

"We will respond to the requests for information made by the 'Keep Bryneithin Open Group'."

"In looking at possible options for the home, we remain willing to work with all individuals or groups with a proper interest in the future of

Bryneithin and its residents. Now that the consultation process has come to an end, the next stage is for me to provide a public report on the representations we have received - almost 150 in total.

"This will ensure that we continue to have a well-informed debate about how the council should proceed in this very important matter."

Workmen move on to Cemetery Road site

THE appearance of workmen in the vicinity of Cemetery Road in Barry has sent conspiracy theorists into overdrive, but the Vale Council insists that work taking place there is purely concentrating on the removal of asbestos.

The GEM was contacted by local people (including Derek Hooper, the secretary of the Save Cemetery Approach Action Group) asking if the work might be in preparation for a new application to put housing on the site. (See page 3 for his letter).

However, a council spokeswoman insists that all work planned there is on health and safety grounds.

Geoff Twigg, asbestos surveyor for the Vale Council, said: "Having been requested to visit the old nursery site to inspect the area for asbestos debris, I observed that the asbestos cement sheeting, which was originally present in the large green houses, was now so damaged that it was considered a potential risk to persons entering the site."

"It was also noted that the roof of the large garage building had suf-

fered some slight damage. On the grounds of health and safety, the Estates Department was contacted and appraised of the situation."

"It was then decided that as a duty of care to the general public, and to reduce further vandalism, all of the remaining asbestos cement sheets should be removed."

He continued: "A licensed asbestos removal contractor was engaged to undertake the work on behalf of the Vale Council. The

asbestos work was started on Wednesday, June 3, and is due to be completed by Monday, June 15.

"Building Services will be dealing with the demolition aspect of the works, once all of the asbestos cement has been removed."

House protest: retrial ordered

TWO property developers accused of violently evicting a protester from a house rooftop in Barry will face a retrial.

George Beatty (56) and Ernest Wray (57) deny causing actual bodily harm and false imprisonment to former car salesman Ricky Canty (59), who was living on the roof of the semi in Barry.

Following an eight-day trial, a jury couldn't reach a verdict on the charges at Cardiff Crown Court.

Wray, of Manor Road, Enniskillen, Fermanagh, and Beatty, of Scallan Road, Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, will be tried again on August 18.

The wait goes on for Waterfront crossing

LOCAL residents may have to wait for a safe pedestrian crossing over a busy road in Barry, says Plaid Cymru.

Regional AM Chris Franks was told by Coun Geoff Cox, Vale Council cabinet member for visible services, that another independent road safety consultant has been commissioned to review pedestrian movements in Millennium Way.

There have been previous reports into the need for pedestrian crossings near the Morrisons store, leading to accusations of 'dithering' by local Plaid Cymru representatives.

Chris Franks said: "Local residents and shoppers have made their feelings known to me, that there is a need for a pedestrian crossing along the road. The Vale Council has spent the past three years spending taxpayers' money on report after report without acting."

"Plaid Cymru is pleased that this

issue is still on the council's agenda, but we are very concerned that pedestrians have been let down by these constant waits for a crossing."

Town councillor Barry Shaw commented: "The Thompson Street footbridge will generate extra pedestrian footfall in this area. I hope that this new report will not be ignored."

The Vale Council's head of visible services, Miles Punter, responded: "Officers are considering the most appropriate locations for the proposed crossings to ensure their optimum use and, at the same time, best retain the landscaping features along this important route. Careful planning of such facilities is necessary to ensure that this balance is achieved."

"A report on this matter is expected to be considered by the council's cabinet in the autumn, when a decision will be taken whether to proceed with the works as then proposed."

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SELFISH DRIVER WITH ATTITUDE

WITH regard to disabled parking and parent and toddler parking – there will always be problems while there are selfish and ignorant people about.

I have just returned from Morrisons with my daughter-in-law and two young grandsons.

We had parked in the parent and toddler bay. The car next to me, a very nice burnt orange mini convertible with

personal number plate, did not have any toddlers, so I asked the lady driver why she had parked there.

She replied: "There's no law. Anyway, you've got a space so what are you moaning about?"

I am a disabled driver but I would never park in the parent and toddler bays if my grandsons are not with me.

I wait in the disabled parking until a space becomes free. I have never waited for more than 10 minutes. (Name and address supplied)

Expenses row: why stop at the MPs?

WHATEVER measures are instantly to stop MPs from blatantly fiddling their expenses should not, in my opinion, stop there.

All elected representatives should also come under the proposed strict rules.

I refer to MSPs, AMs and local councillors. They also avail themselves of taxpayers' money and should have their spending carefully monitored.

Mary Walker, Pontyclun

MPs' expenses and the green book

INOTE from the latest MPs' expenses revelations, that Vale MP John Smith has claimed £5 short of £58,000 for his London address, without providing evidence of any spending.

I further note that

Expenses attack is 'a diversion'

PLAI D CYMRU'S pathetic assault on John Smith's legitimate expenses as Vale MP, following an article in the Sunday Telegraph, diverts attention from Alun Cairns' dubious claim for "expenses of up to £12,500 a year in respect of his flat in Cardiff Bay, even though his main home is at Ewenny in the Vale of Glamorgan" as reported in the Western Mail (May 21).

Roger Everest
(Deputy Chairman,
Vale of Glamorgan Liberal Democrats)

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Stark lesson on where the politics of hate can lead...

IN reply to BNP Euro candidate, Laurence Reid (GEM June 4), I note that he conveniently forgets the hundreds of thousands of black and Indian people who volunteered to fight from all corners of the world to help defend the British nation in her darkest hour.

We were not just fighting yet another foreign invasion, as Mr Reid insists, but the same evil fascist ideology which runs through the BNP's policies today.

The BNP is trying to appear more moderate and respectable, but it is not – scratch the surface and you will find the same old racist organisation it has always been.

Next time the slick and sharp-suited BNP leaders are on your TV screens, take a closer look at those in the background and you will see the same old bald-headed tattooed bullyboys.

I have seen with my own eyes where the politics

of victimisation and hate end. The ruins of the gas chambers and torture chambers of the death camps are there for all to see.

Yet Holocaust denial has always been a central plank of BNP ideology.

The BNP's leaders realise that the Holocaust is clearly the worst possible advert for Nazi policies and because they cannot justify it, they have to deny it happened.

History warns us that we ignore the BNP at our peril. Everyone who rejects the BNP's politics of hate has a duty to do everything they can to stop them.

Rob Curtis, Barry (Welsh Labour councillor)
(See more letters on page 6)

Council grant for Vale village hall

I WAS interested to read the article in last week's GEM newspaper regarding the excellent refurbishment of the village hall in St Hilary.

Obviously, the bulk of the work was possible through the grant that was mentioned in the article from the Welsh Assembly Government. I was, however, disappointed to note that no mention was made of the grant which was received from the Vale Council through their CASH grant scheme.

This scheme allows

town and community councils to apply for funds to assist worthy causes in their own locality.

Llanfair Community Council applied for such a grant to assist with the refurbishment of the hall and was extremely fortunate to obtain the maximum available of £15,000.

How sad that the generosity of the Vale Council was not acknowledged, as well as that of the Welsh Assembly Government. Jackie Griffin (clerk to Llanfair Community Council)

Unsung heroes on the beaches

GEM readers who get as annoyed as I do regarding the mess left on our beautiful beaches ('Flying the Welsh flag for Barry's beautiful beaches', (Barry GEM last week) might like to know the happy sequel to the story.

I went to Jackson's Bay in the late afternoon of the same day and there was no trace of the rubbish littering the beach first thing that morning.

I'm sure I speak for the great majority of people who enjoy this lovely beach when I say 'Thank you' to the unsung heroes, the guys and gals of the rubbish collection teams. They do a grand job in a situation where their work is made unnecessarily difficult by a lazy, thoughtless minority. David Alexander, Barry Island.

Pets are targets for people with guns

I WOULD like to bring to the attention of readers of The GEM that in addition to other publicised incidents, last Thursday one of

our cats returned home with a pellet shot wound in its chest, and was very distraught.

The animal was in a lot of pain, so we had to go to an emergency veterinary surgery in

Cardiff. Thankfully, our pet recovered.

There are people going around local fields in the Cowbridge area, dressed up in camouflage outfits, shooting

not only rabbits, but also taking shots at people's pets, causing pain to the animals and much upset to the owners, as well as expense.

Mr D Mumford

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 18)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15–20 minutes earlier.

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'Tell us what you think of the Waterfront plans' residents urged

BARRY Waterfront Consortium is holding a two-day public exhibition on the new proposals for a £1/4 billion regeneration scheme for the remaining areas of Barry Waterfront.

Residents will be able to comment on proposals for the outline planning application before it is submitted to the Vale Council later this summer.

The consortium, comprising Persimmon Homes, Taylor Wimpey and Barratt Homes, entered into an agreement in September 2007 with Associated British

Ports and the Welsh Assembly Government to purchase most of the remaining former dockland areas at Barry Waterfront.

Spokesman Richard Keogh commented: "Despite the tough economic climate, we are extremely pleased to be in a position to drive forward these key regeneration plans for Barry."

"We will establish a sustainable mixed-use community focused around the water, with its own district centre that will enhance and complement the range of facilities already available in the area - and that will connect the

existing communities of Barry Island and Barry Town.

"This project is extremely complex and we have been working with council officers, the Welsh Assembly Government, Associated British Ports and professional advisors for over 18 months to get to this stage."

"We are very much looking forward to hearing what local residents have to say about our new proposals, to help us finalise our planning application ready for submission to the council later this summer."

The consortium is now looking to submit outline proposals for the West Pond/South Quay, East Quay and Arno Quay areas of the site, later this summer.

The exhibition will take place on Friday, (June 12,) at 12pm-7pm at the Barry Island Community Centre; and on June 13 at 10am-4pm at The County Library in Barry Town Centre.

Bus group's open day

THE Cardiff Transport Preservation Group (CTPG) is hoping to borrow a photograph of the outside of the Barry Bus Depot in its original condition, taken between 1939 and 1977.

The CTPG is holding an open day at the Broad Street depot on Sunday, June 14. There are now 20 buses housed there belonging to the group and their members.

Visitors can see the vehicles in various stages of restoration, as well as seeing the renovation of the building itself, taken over by the group last August.

The event has been organised by the CTPG in conjunction with the annual Barry Festival of Transport, at Hood Road, Barry Dock, from 10am to 5pm on June 14, when there will be on display more than 200 classic buses, commercial vehicles, cars and motorcycles.

There will be a free classic bus service between the two sites.

'HANDS OFF CEMETERY APPROACH' WARNING TO THE VALE COUNCIL ...

Action group vows - 'we will continue the fight'

MORE than three months ago (on March 1) the Save Cemetery Approach Action Group wrote to the chief executive of the Vale Council, Mr John Maitland Evans, offering to co-operate with the local authority in developing this much-loved area for the benefit of the local community.

The chief executive replied saying that he was discussing the issue with colleagues and hoped to respond in the near future.

No response has been forthcoming.

However, during the past week contractors in protective clothing have

been working in the area, apparently clearing asbestos waste from the northern side of Cemetery Approach.

In the letter to the chief executive, we drew his attention to the 1906 Open Spaces Act requiring councils to maintain and keep such areas in a 'good and decent' state.

We also pointed out that the poorly-secured land on either side of Cemetery Approach needed urgent attention to make it safe.

Perhaps the council is now belatedly aware of its obligations under the Act - or is the clearance connected with preparing the ground for another planning application, without consulting the community?

We would remind councillors and officers that the campaign conducted by the Save

Cemetery Approach Action Group resulted in an 11,300-name petition and overwhelming public support for the area to be retained as open space as designated by the British government in 1954.

Having read our case against the proposed development, Newydd Housing Association pulled out of a planning inquiry and abandoned their 61-unit scheme.

But Newydd - or another developer - can always submit a new application. In that event, we would vigorously oppose ANY inap-

propriate development at Cemetery Approach. We would much prefer to work with the council - and others - in reclaiming and improving the land for the enjoyment of the public.

Mr Maitland Evans, council officers, cabinet members and councillors - the offer is still open.

Don't ignore the will of the people who pay your wages and elect you to public office.

Derek Hooper
(Secretary, Save Cemetery Approach Action Group)

CAFE ART IN BARRY

THE MIND in the Vale and VOGA art exhibition at the Travellers Café at Barry Town Station depicts varied aspects of Barry and the Vale.

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NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT ST CYRES

Former Welsh star's talk

YEAR 11 pupils in St Cyres recently received leavers' assembly certificates for exceptional effort and a large number of pupils were also presented with their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Sporting achievements were recognised and among these was an opportunity to present Ciaran Driscoll with a Welsh cap and shirt for his involvement in the Wales under-16's rugby grand slam winning team.

In addition to this, all

pupils received an end of year yearbook which was full of photographs and memories of their time spent at St Cyres School.

The guest speaker was retired Welsh international footballer, John Hartson, who won 51 caps for Wales, scoring 14 goals.

During his career he played for Arsenal, West Ham, Celtic and West Bromwich Albion, before retiring last year to become a sports pundit.

During this special assembly, pupils had an opportunity to put questions to John Hartson and he delighted the pupils and staff as he described his experiences playing with and against some of the best footballers in the world.

The musical talents of our year-11 pupils was also on show and

Tracy Sun and Marc Falconer both played pieces on the piano. Elliot Thorne and Lawrence Phillips entertained the year group on guitar and drums, which was very much appreciated by pupils and staff. Enith Jones finished the Assembly with her wonderful rendition of 'I Dreamed a Dream' from 'Les Miserables'.

Year-11 pupils have now started their GCSE examinations, and we wish them all every success.

St Cyres girls win Cardiff Cup

THE St. Cyres under-16 girls' football team won the Cardiff Cup,

beating Fitzalan 3-0.

This was a fantastic end to a very successful season where the girls also reached the quarter finals of the Welsh Cup.

The girls went 3-0 up in the first half with goals from Emily Jellings, Rachel Hignett, and Chanelle McIlroy.

The rest of the team all played an important role, including Amy O'Callaghan in goal, Nia Morgan, Danika James, Kamara Bristow and Hannah Foat in defence. Amy Wathan, Lauren McCarthy and Bethan Daw were solid in midfield and Chanelle and Rachel dangerous in attack.

Our thanks go to the organisers of the competition and the staff and pupils of Fitzalan School.

St Cyres tennis action

St Cyres tennis teams have been in action over the last term. The girls Aberdare Cup team beat Radyr comfortably, dropping only one set.

The team consisted of Safiyyah Azeez, Dana Yee, Nia Morgan and Amy Wathan.

The boys Glanville Cup team, which included Harry Driscoll, Tom Haines, Daniel Pitt and Alex Vowles, also beat Radyr B team,

again dropping only one set. Both teams were through to the next round.

Unfortunately, both teams then lost to very strong opposition in the next round. The girls, who had to field a younger team of Dana Yee, Rachel Hignett, Leah Cunningham and Corrie Driscoll, lost to Redmaids School, Bristol.

Dana won her match in a very tense game but the others lost in some hard fought matches.

The boys also had to make some changes to their team against St John's School, Cardiff.

Harry Driscoll, Ben Morgan and Matthew Todd-Bennett all lost



their singles but Tom Haines played superbly well to beat a player who had a much higher rating than himself.

Both teams played in a very sporting manner and the matches were a pleasure to watch.

The girls have also started their league matches with a game against Cowbridge. The under-13 girls of Dana, Rachel, Leah and Corrie won their matches convincingly. However the under-13 B team of Megan Evans, Ellie Jamieson, Gnielle Rodriguez and Peyton Lewis lost overall

although Megan won her singles. The under-15 team of Emily Jellings, Bethan Daw, Lauren McCarthy, Amy Wathan and Ashley Richards also lost overall but Emily and Amy both won their singles in exciting matches.

Well done to everyone who has competed in tennis for St. Cyres this half term. We would also like to extend our warm thanks to Dinas Powys Tennis Club, who have allowed us to use some of their fabulous courts for our home matches.

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LEFT and ABOVE: John Hartson presents pupils with trophies commemorating their sporting achievements.



ABOVE: The football team, who won the Cardiff Cup.

Local boys turn out for east Wales under-11s at Ebbw Vale

EAST Wales met west Wales in the annual under-11 rugby match at Ebbw Vale.

Two games were played back to back, with the B sides playing first. There were five representatives from the Vale of Glamorgan County Schools in total, three in the B side, Tom Lucas, Dan Watts, and Tom Trotman, and two in the A side – Anton Grigoriou and Joe Davies.

Joe Davies was the

first Vale representative to captain east Wales.

In both games, the Vale boys applied themselves effectively, with good service being delivered by scrum half Lucas to his backs, alternating with little sniping runs around the fringes of the rucks and mauls.

Dan Watts, playing out of position in the front row, was like an 'open side prop' – involved in everything, always getting across the gain line and causing problems for the west Wales B side.

He deservedly scored the winning try for east Wales. Tom Trotman came on in the second half and immediately made a big impact.

The tall fast winger was running beautiful angles and, with a little bit of luck, would have scored a couple of tries.

Final score: 5-0 to east Wales.

The A side were very hopeful of a similar performance. Flanker Joe Davies led by example and was a constant nuisance from beginning to the end, tackling every-

thing and winning vital ball at the breakdown for his forwards.

Unfortunately, this could not be converted into points, and the superb west Wales backs scored three lovely tries in the first half.

Fly half Anton Grigoriou came on at half time and immediately made an impact.

The three-quarter line was now able to make deep inroads into the opposition half. With the use of some loops and scissor movements involving Anton, they were camped on the west Wales line for a considerable time, but were unable to cross it.

With all the pressure against them, west Wales scored two breakaway tries in the second half, before the East Wales No 8 Thomas Mably (Cardiff) finally scored in the corner for a well-deserved consolation try.

Final score:

27-5 to west Wales

Honours even then for the west/east annual battle, and congratulations to the Vale boys, who were all superb.

WARREN DAVIES



ABOVE: Left to right: Tom Trotman, Tom Lucas, Dan Watts, Joe Davies and Anton Grigoriou.

SCHOOL UNDER-16s TEAM IN CUP FINAL BATTLE



ABOVE: Barry Comprehensive School under-16s squad.

Back row – Mr M Ingle, Andrew Gurd, Damien Toozer, Rhodri Phillips, Seon Shakespeare, Chad Clarke (capt), David Bryan, Rhys Davies, Mark Hutton. Front row – Ben Stait, Jordan Prosser, Tom Moffat, Ryan Newman, Josh Manning, Kyle Lewis, Luke Walsh, Sam Adamson.

BARRY Comprehensive School under-16 football team travelled the long journey to Oswestry Street, north Wales to take on Ysgol Brynrefail High School in the Schools National Cup final.

The boys arrived in plenty of time for the big game and were given ample opportunity to soak up the atmosphere, before playing in what was probably the biggest game of their young careers.

Decked out in their new, British Thornton-sponsored kit, the boys took to the field determined to make sure that their final school game ended in glory.

The game kicked off in glorious conditions and it was clear from the

outset that this game was going to be full of attacking ambition from both sides.

There appeared to be no nerves from the Barry team, and this was evident with some excellent passing interchange in the midfield that sought to probe the Ysgol Brynrefail back line and create some early chances.

This early possession led to Barry being awarded three free kicks in dangerous positions around the penalty area.

Ryan Newman delivered all three with perfect accuracy – but on each occasion the crucial touch was missing, with Luke Shakespeare being very unlucky when one of the chances dropped for him at an awkward height.

As the game progressed, Ysgol Brynrefail gained more of a foothold in the game and exerted pres-

sure on the Barry back four.

Chances started to open up and only the acrobatic heroics of Rhodri Phillips on three occasions kept Brynrefail at bay.

However, after a sustained period of attack Phillips was powerless to stop the opener. A Barry attack broke down and Brynrefail counter attacked quickly along the right wing, before the striker slotted the ball home.

After this, although Barry had their own chances they failed to test the Brynrefail keeper – and at half-time Barry went in behind.

Although Barry went onto the field determined to get back into the game, the second half had barely got started when Barry went two goals down. From a free kick, Ethan Dicks was a mere spectator as the Brynrefail striker had a

free header at the back post.

At 2-0 down, Barry were always going to be chasing the game and although there were claims for a definite penalty that the referee waved away, Barry struggled to create any chances of note.

As the game drew to a close and the defence pushed up, Barry left themselves vulnerable at the back, and it was no surprise when Brynrefail scored two late goals to give them victory.

However, the Barry team should be extremely proud of their efforts and determination to get to a national final and pf the season as a whole.

Hopefully, this won't be the last big game of their careers – and is only the beginning of more success in the future.

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Barry Island Primary School playground gets a new look!

BARRY ISLAND Primary School's playground has a new fixture – a ship – but one that is never likely to sail out to sea!

The new arrival is a 'sandship' which now sits as a permanent feature in the playground. A school spokesman said: "This new addition is part of an ongoing project to develop all aspects of children's playtimes to ensure that the time spent outside on the playground is fun-filled."

"The School Council has been very active in the development of the playground area and recently surveyed all the children to see what sort of equipment they felt they would like to see during break times."

"The result was that a large range of equipment has been bought and the children are really enjoying their play."

The new equipment includes circus skills, yoyos, swing ball and stepping stones, and the school also ensures that there are quiet areas where children can sit and chat or read.

The shelter has recently been refurbished and is now a huge stage area where children can sing, dance or perform on.

The spokesman reported: "This has proved a big hit with all children."



ABOVE: The pupils make the most of their new 'boat'.

Motorbike scramblers are targeted in Penarth

THE Neighbourhood Policing Team in Penarth is targeting motorbike scramblers, in particular those who are using the machines without insurance in and around the lower Penarth and Cosmeston area. It has warned that

officers will be patrolling and checking the area where the use of the motor bikes is an increasing nuisance to residents, and to those walking in the open countryside.

Penarth Neighbourhood Acting Inspector Steve Trigg said: "This is an issue which is becoming

increasingly widespread. I want to reassure the residents of lower Penarth and Cosmeston that this matter is being taken very seriously."

"I aim to stamp it out before a serious accident occurs."

"I would like to remind people that if they are buying motor bikes for use on common land, they must be insured."

"If checked and found not to be insured, the riders will be prosecuted and the motor bikes can be confiscated and crushed after seven days, if a valid insurance certificate is not produced," he warned.

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Flying the Welsh flag for Barry's beautiful beaches

by GEM READER DAVID ALEXANDER

WE have much to be proud of here in Wales, and particularly in Barry; not least our blue flag beaches.

It is not an easy thing for a beach to be awarded the coveted European Blue Flag. To receive the award, beaches are judged against 30 criteria, including: reaching the highest water quality, good litter management, easy to read information, strict dog control, and sustainable environment.

The Blue Flag is not just some European official saying: "Well done, here's a pretty flag to fly." A blue flag beach brings much-needed money into an area by attracting and providing jobs.

One of life's greatest joys is to walk along a deserted beach at sunrise, the start of a new day, when the beach has been washed clean by the tide – at least it would be, if the beach did not look more like the local landfill site.

Such was the case at Jackson's Bay recently. It was actually just after 5am. The beach was covered in litter, left by people who had visited the beach the previous evening.

These people are also passionate about their country – they are proud to be Welsh.



ABOVE: Jackson's Bay beach just before 6am, on June 3, and BELOW: What the beach should look like – the rubbish has been digitally removed.



I know this because, among the plastic bags, beer cans, wine bottles, discarded food packaging, uneaten scraps and a plastic inflatable boat was – a Welsh flag beach towel!

It is all well and good criticising the "inadequate efforts" of the council, but the local authority has to work within a budget.

The problem is the people who leave an unmanageable amount of rubbish.

The proof of that fact

is there for all to see. On the morning I am referring to, Whitmore Bay was not far behind Jackson's Bay in the amount of rubbish on the beach; while the Old Harbour beach was pretty well clear of rubbish – simply because very few people actually go to the Old Harbour beach.

The least you can do is keep it clean – there is more to being proud to be Welsh than having a red dragon on your beach towel..

CORNISH VISITORS PICK UP LOCAL REGENERATION TIPS



ABOVE: The Cornish Residents' Forum pictured in Barry.

THE Cornwall Residents' Forum recently paid a visit to the Gibbonsdown and Court Communities First office.

It plans to use information from visiting areas of regeneration and to transfer ideas back to various estates in Cornwall.

The forum was given a short presentation by Communities First, highlighting the projects and activities that have taken

place over the last 18 months.

Sharon Topazio, Communities First coordinator, said: "It was great to meet members of the Cornwall Residents' forum, to share best practice ideas and find out how people tackle various regeneration issues in their areas."

"We will definitely be keeping in touch with them and swapping ideas!"

SHARON TOPAZIO

Charity shop joins the business PACT in Barry

THE George Thomas Hospice charity shop on Barry's busy Holton Road has become the latest business to sign up to the Vale's award-winning Business PACT initiative.

It has joined 40 other shops and businesses working together to reduce crime through information sharing.

A police spokesman

said that Business PACT involves local businesses and organisations in sharing photographs and information concerning members of the public who are prolific shoplifters, or who act in an anti-social manner.

"A key element of the initiative is exclusion notices. If an offender is banned from one business in the Vale, then they are banned from every member business. Photos obtained from

CCTV imagery of criminal or anti social behaviour can be passed to Business PACT members for help in identifying the person responsible."

Dave Sharpe, chairman of Business PACT, commented: "Membership of the partnership is an effective tool in combating crime in the Vale and I am very pleased to welcome our latest member to the scheme in Barry."

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AU REVOIR, MRS HUWS!

AFTER 30 years at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, Mrs Gwenno Huws is retiring this summer.

To note the occasion we have arranged an evening at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg (Colcot Road), on Saturday, July 11, to say *au revoir*, and to thank her for her invaluable contribution to all aspects of the school's life over the years.

Various musical artists will perform. If you are a former parent or pupil, we would love to see you there. Tickets are available from the school (01446 735595) at £15 each.

All proceeds will go to a very worthy cause (details on the evening).

It is Mrs Huws' wish that no gifts are given to her, but she would welcome any contribution towards the good cause.

Dulyn Griffith (Pannaeath/headteacher)
Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc

Royal medals: a question

RECENTLY-published photographs of Prince Charles at the D-Day celebrations show him sporting a row of six medals.

He even out-medals some of the genuine veterans.

Could someone please tell me what these medals represent, and why they were awarded?

Christopher Short, Barry

THANKS FOR THE FUN DAY

MAY I, through the pages of your newspaper, express my sincere thanks to all those who helped organise the recent Gibbonsdown and Court Fun Day.

The weather was perfect and the entertainment was excellent.

Credit must also go to all the people of the Gibbonsdown and Court wards for turning out in such numbers to support the event. I am sure

young and old had a very memorable day and shows that our community spirit is alive and kicking.

Once again, a big thank you to all those who helped to make the day such a wonderful event, especially the Gibbonsdown and Court Communities First Board, whose hard work and dedication made the event possible.

Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson (Gibbonsdown Labour councillors)

Words that backfired

WE will rule as New Labour, we will be whiter than white, we will be squeaky clean – these were the words spoken by Tony Blair when New Labour took over from the Conservative government.

I bet there are many politicians who wish these words were never spoken, with the disastrous results of the British and European elections.

However, they only have themselves to blame with the revelations of greed over their expenses. Their attitude reminds me of George Orwell's book *Animal Farm*, where everyone is equal – but some are more equal than others.

Mick Murphy, Barry

Road works report

Dock View Road junction with Thompson Street, Barry – ongoing temporary traffic signals.

Sully Road, between Penarth and Sully (near Ashgrove School) – ongoing intermittent traffic control to allow the construction of a new access.

High Street, Cowbridge (near Town Hall) – narrow lanes in operation to allow improvements to an adjacent bus stop.

Eagleswell Road, Llantwit Major – temporary daytime traffic signals to allow renewal of fire hydrant.

Gileston Road, St Athan – temporary traffic signals near site of former Methodist Church to allow the installation of a new water main June 15-26.

B4267 - Lavernock Road, Penarth near Brockhill Rise – intermittent

temporary off peak traffic signals between June 15 and July 15 for essential water works.

Holton Road – between Richmond Street and Evans Street will be closed on Sunday, June 14 to allow essential water works to take place. Signed diversion.

Victorian Fayre – various roads in Llantwit Major town centre will be closed between 8am-6pm on Saturday, June 20 during the Victorian Fayre.

A4055 Cardiff Road between Dinas Powys and Barry – temporary traffic signals in operation, following a landslide 24 hours a day over the next few weeks, while repairs are undertaken. Motorists are advised to use an alternative route during peak hours.

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Readers' Letters

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HONOUR THE HEROES ON ARMED FORCES DAY

FOLLOWING on from the commemoration of D-Day last weekend, I should like to bring to the attention of all GEM readers a special event to mark the first Armed Forces Day in south Wales, which will be held in the charming setting of Cooper's Field, Bute Park, Cardiff on Saturday, June 27.

Armed Forces Day honours the outstanding contribution made by current members of the Armed Forces and by veterans of all ages.

The day will feature musical

performances by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force, Welsh Guards Band plus others.

There will be a commemorative service, a veterans' parade through Cardiff and display stands, including charitable organisations – where advice and assistance will be available.

Special features throughout the day will include displays by the amazing RAF Falcons parachute display team and the Parachute Regiment freestyle team, 'The Red Devils', the official parachute display team of both the Parachute Regiment ('The PARAS') and the British Army.

There will be a fly-past over Cooper's Field by an RAF

Spitfire. There will also be performances by the Royal Signals White Helmets, the oldest and best known motorcycle display team in the world.

I, and other members of the south Wales branch of the Western Front Association, will be staging a WW1-themed display in one of the marquees.

I hope that GEM readers will attend. The day will be an opportunity for us all to join together to pay tribute to our Armed Forces past, present and future.

The event is being organised by Mr Dave Morris, last year's Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, Barry

The fight against those who would divide us...

SO, the BNP 'doesn't hate anyone?' (GEM letters page, June 4).

In his defence of the BNP, Laurence Reid referred to immigrants as "foreign invasion".

Mr Reid needs to fight his corner with logic and facts and ditch the emotional language.

What is he scared of...Indian doctors? Egyptian students?

Australians back-packing around the world?

The recent situation concerning the Gurkhas has reminded us how very complex immigration issues are.

Many people have valid reasons for travelling to, working, or studying in this country.

Mr Reid mentions that our grandparents and parents fought in the Second World War against Nazism.

My father fought in the Second World War to defend this country

for those who believed race or religion should not divide us.

I believe he despised Mosley as much as Hitler.

Perhaps the BNP could explain, rationally, which of us should be allowed to live here, and what should be done with those who do

live here, but don't belong?

I assume BNP members are not benefiting in any way from the services of those who are not British, and that not one of them will ever want to live or work abroad?

Dahlian Kirby, Boverton

LEST WE FORGET THE LESSONS OF HISTORY

I READ with interest the letter written by Mr Laurence Reid in The GEM on June 4, regarding the BNP.

Of course, the BNP does not "hate" anyone... However, there are a number of parts of society that they neither 'like' nor 'welcome'.

The BNP have a policy of voluntary repatriation of Black and Asian people. This includes

second and third generation people born and bred in the UK, the country that Mr Reid calls the 'homeland'.

It is their homeland, too!

The problem that the BNP have with people of a different ethnic origin is purely that they are 'different'. No more, no less. The evidence

for this was amply demonstrated during an interview with Mr Nick Griffin (BNP leader) on Radio 5 Live. Therefore, Mr Reid cannot claim that these are lies about their policies. They are facts.

The BNP are an unpleasant extreme in our society and political system.

At one time, in Germany, so were the Nazis. They gained power and credence, and we all know what happened next....

We must not let it happen again. Andy Clarke, Singingstone

Hall's trustees say thank you

FOLLOWING Robert Lloyd's article about the refurbishment of St Hilary Village Hall, I wish to acknowledge the substantial financial support provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council through its CASH grant scheme administered via Llanfair Community Council; as well as the help and advice generously given by Creative Rural Communities and Vale Centre for

Voluntary Services.

I, my fellow trustees, and the St Hilary Village Hall committee are very grateful to the residents of St Hilary for their generous support of the various fundraising events held over the years, which contributed to the funding of the project, and for their patience during the time when the hall was out of use. David Hawkins (Trustee, St Hilary Village Hall)

Dog fouling: council does use its powers

IREFER to the letter published in the Thursday, June 4 edition of The GEM entitled 'Dog fouling: listen to the voices crying in the wilderness'.

While accepting that the extent of the anti-social and criminal offence of failing to remove dog faeces makes it very difficult for the council to fully enforce every crime of this nature, where our Enforcement Officers are able to catch any dog owner committing this offence they do have powers to enforce and penalise those guilty of not cleaning up after their dogs.

Mr Tanner makes reference to a letter received from the council some time ago advising that we have no powers to enforce dog fouling legislation.

I can only suggest that this letter may have been sent some time ago at a time when the relevant legislation was perhaps not in place.

I would be happy, however, to receive a copy of this letter from Mr Tanner to establish why there appears to be some contradiction between the views expressed in this letter and the current legislation.

The maximum fine for failing to remove dog faeces is indeed currently £1,000 but, alternatively, the culprit is given the opportunity to pay a fixed penalty of £75 offered in place of prosecution.

These powers to issue 'on the spot' fixed penalty notices have existed for some time, though they were reaffirmed by

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. In addition to council officers, these powers are also available to community police officers and can be taken up by community and town councils.

Further, I can assure your readers that my enforcement and compliance officers do use these powers and, indeed, in the last week alone have issued six fixed penalty notices for dog fouling offences.

As with any council, the number of officers available to enforce this legislation is limited. Therefore, to some degree, we rely on the help of all law-abiding residents and dog owners to change the behaviour of those dog owners who continue to believe they are above the law.

To this end, my officers will always be grateful to receive details from any residents who have witnessed those guilty of committing the offence of not cleaning up after their dogs.

Where there is sufficient evidence of guilt, enforcement action will be taken by my enforcement staff and where they catch anyone offending then immediate action will be taken with a fixed penalty fine of £75 issued 'on the spot'.

Any non-payment will result in formal action being taken through the courts and may result in a potential £1,000 fine. Clifford Parish (Operational Manager Waste Management and Cleansing Rheolwr Gwaith Rheoli Gwastraff a Glanhau)

Barry polling station 'lock-out'

ON June 4, Holton Primary School was one of the election polling stations and voters' registration forms clearly stated that the school is situated in Court Road.

Unhappily, the Court Road entrance at 7am was securely padlocked, despite the registration forms stating that voting started at that time.

There was no indication that the polling station was situated other than in Court Road.

Not everyone coming to vote would know that Holton School has more than one entrance and, indeed, it was in nearby Pike Street that the polling station was situated.

After representations were made to the responsible authority, the Vale Council, a notice was put up in Court Road directing voters to the polling station.

This was at 9.20am so

that for two hours and 20 minutes, voters were being mid-directed.

Indeed, before that time, people were seen going to the Court Road entrance and going away again. Whether these would-be voters returned later is unclear.

What I find quite unacceptable in this matter is the council's attitude. They were more concerned with playing the 'blame game' – in other words, it was all the school's fault for locking the gate.

In fact, the council's representative should, at the start of voting, have satisfied himself that the polling station was 'fit for purpose', which it so obviously was not.

June 4 candidates, successful or not, might care to reflect whether an offence has been committed under the Representation of the People Act and, indeed, whether the election has been invalidated. Roger Thomas Jones, Barry

Volunteer mediators win glowing praise from AM

VALE AM Jane Hutt has praised Vale Community Mediation Service volunteers for their outstanding work.

She was speaking to volunteer mediators at the Vale Community Mediation Service's AGM at Brocastle last week.

The annual report presented by the chair,

Vicky Ibbertson, and development worker, Beth Barry, highlights the excellent progress of this pioneering not-for-profit organisation which has gone from strength to strength during the past year.

It states: "A group of our experienced mediators have successfully trained as workplace mediators, and we are now offering this service

alongside our mediation work."

Ms Hutt said: "The Vale Community Mediation Service is providing a remarkable service, with 18 fully-trained volunteer mediators.

"Mediators help people to identify their needs, clarify issues and explore solutions.

"Mediation is confidential and helps people

and communities to resolve conflict.

"With support from the Welsh Assembly Government through the 'New Ideas' funding stream, this service is now backed by housing associations and local authorities across south Wales.

"It is a remarkable example of volunteering, innovation and commitment."



Jane Hutt AM with Vale Community Mediation Service volunteers.

A successful season for the Vale Badminton Club

VALE Badminton Club has enjoyed one of its most successful ever seasons, with four of its seven teams gaining promotion in the Cardiff and District leagues.

For the men it was a clean sweep with the A team moving up from Division Two to the top flight, the B team winning Division 4A and the C team winning Division 4B.

Adding to the club's success was the mixed B team.

Club captain, Simon Farrington told members at the annual meeting that long-standing members would be hard-pressed to recall a more successful year.

"This competitive success is coupled with excellent club nights and

a really good spirit among the members.

"I would like to thank in particular all the club captains for the hard work they have put in organising and running the teams and, despite several injuries, the club pretty much managed to fulfil all of its fixtures over a demanding season.

"It is important that the club is seen as friendly, offering a warm welcome to visiting teams, guests and potential new members."

Club chairman Allan Evans thanked committee members for their work over the year.

He said that: "Without the efforts of Glyn Morris (treasurer), Bryon Edwards (secretary), and Alison Cook (fixtures secretary) the club would not function and they deserved one huge thank you from all

members."

He added: "In particular I would like to thank Byron, who is stepping down as secretary. He has created a fantastic website for the club that many of our members rely on and I hope he will continue to run this."

The treasurer told members that a significant rise in the cost of feathers meant that members faced a rise in club fees with immediate effect.

Members voted to increase quarterly fees to £60 with visitors fees rising to £5 a session.

It was also agreed that the club would explore sponsorship and grant opportunities in a bid to restrict any further club fee rises.

It was also decided that team selection for the 2009/10 season will be made by the commit-

tee on September 1, 2009; this date will be the cut-off point for new members to be considered for selection.

A decision on the number of teams to be put forward will be made in mid August and will be based on the club membership at that time.

The new committee is: chairman - Allan Evans; treasurer - Glyn Morris; secretary - Simon Farrington; fixtures secretary - Alison Cook; club captain - Martin Dix.

The club welcomes new club-standard members and runs club nights on Tuesday (8-10pm) and Sunday (6-8pm) at Vale Leisure Centre. For information about the club please go to www.valebadminton.co.uk.

LOCAL RNLI CREWS IN NIGHT RESCUE DRAMA



ABOVE:

Porthcawl RNLI's new lifeboat to the rescue.

PORHCRAWL'S new Atlantic 85 lifeboat was called into action for the first time after two men found themselves drifting out to sea in strong winds.

Their attempt to take it in turns to swim ashore failed, so both sat in their dinghy and awaited help.

The pair then used their mobile phone to dial 999 and Swansea Coastguards mounted a search operation.

Porthcawl RNLI

responded, and so did the Atlantic College RNLI lifeboat.

The Mumbles all-weather RNLI lifeboat was also put on standby, and a rescue helicopter from Chivenor helped to locate the casualties.

Porthcawl RNLI lifeboat launched at 10.30pm in Force 5 conditions and choppy seas.

The dingy and the men were found by the night vision camera located in the helicopter from RAF Chivenor and both the Atlantic College

and Porthcawl lifeboats arrived at the scene at the same time.

Chris Missen, an RNLI volunteer at Porthcawl said: "The sea conditions were quite severe for a small rubber dinghy with very little equipment on board."

"Both men were very pleased to see the lifeboat approaching."

"They were cold and frightened when they realised they couldn't get back to the shore and the situation was serious. As we brought them

back to the shore, both agreed they won't be taking to sea in the dinghy again."

The small vessel was recovered by the Atlantic College RNLI lifeboat and the casualties were taken to Ogmere beach, where an ambulance and Llantwit Major mobile coastguard were waiting.

The casualties were given a thorough check by paramedics but were found to be well.

Local charity is helped by safe working at Aberthaw

A LOCAL charity benefited recently when the AMEC/Alstom FGD project, based at Aberthaw Power Station, awarded KPC Youth a cheque for £2,000.

The cash was raised by their 'Cracked It' scheme, which encourages the workforce to help worthwhile causes by working safely.

If their team works for 28 consecutive days without a 'lost time incident', the team are able to nominate a local worthy cause to receive this donation.

KPC Youth, based in Pyle, works with young people aged eight-25 years, offering a wide range of diversionary activities, advice, and support, as well as training opportunities.

Members of KPC Youth were delighted to receive the unexpected donation, and the money will be used towards keeping the project running and supporting the youth work team.

The KPC project director, Alison Mawby, said: "KPC Youth would like to thank all at AMEC/Alstom FGD project for supporting them and awarding them this fantastic donation!"

Vale diabetes support group enjoys a fun quiz in Sully

MEMBERS of Diabetes UK Cymru's Vale voluntary group last month gathered for an evening meal at The Captain's Wife, in Swanbridge, near Sully.

It was followed by a fun quiz provided by the chairman of the group, Mr Neville Williams.

The new president, Dr Julia Platts

and eight members of the Cardiff group of Diabetes UK Cymru also attended.

The group will meet on Tuesday, June 16 in the board room at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Mr Dai Williams, managing director of Diabetes UK Cymru, based in Cardiff.

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VALEWAYS SUMMER WALKS

SUNDAY, June 14, 2pm, Barry-Pencoedre 'Tales of Dick Turpin', Meet at Lidl's car park, Pencoedre bypass. Contact Di and Linda 01446 749000.

Monday, June 15, St Mary Church and Llandough, meet at St Mary Church bus stop. Contact Alan 01446773422.

Saturday, June 20, 10am, Penarth 'Art walk - considering art outside the confines of the museum'. Meet at Penarth Lifeboat Station, Penarth

Promenade. Contact 07725 555623.

Sunday, June 21, 2.30pm, Highlight and Merthyr Dyfan Millennium Trail Part 1, Meet at Highlight Community Centre (behind Tesco), Barry. Contact Ruth 07800 9699157.

Monday, June 22, 7pm, Hidden Valley, Start at St Brides Major by cattle grid, on Ewenny Road. Contact Dave 07971 695780.

Tuesday, June 30, 1.30pm, Aberthaw Nature Trail, Meet at Blue Anchor Inn car park, Aberthaw. Contact Barbara 02920 596043.

Police plea after fatal road crash

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after the driver of a Citroen Berlingo car died on Saturday, June 6 near the blood bank of the Royal Glamorgan Hospital at Talbot Green.

The driver of the Berlingo a 74-year-old man from the Pontypridd area, was pronounced dead at The Royal Glamorgan hospital after his vehicle left the road.

South Wales Police Roads Policing unit are asking anyone who saw the vehicle leave the road to contact them on 02920 527226, or attend at the local police station.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 569.

● £2000: 469597. ● £500: 663035. ● £100: 419776. ● £50: 261837. ● £10: 261837, 205674, 181778, 244606, 711755, 346322, 639217, 279663, 664897, 367625, 107314, 229448, 113863, 885720, 159971, 270843, 369883, 702337, 376529, 350588, 309676. ● £5: 574506, 585074, 892652, 325877, 841101, 224658, 467827, 323457, 746551, 790169, 304043, 749336, 312186, 650475, 365873, 160573, 348827, 766226, 125295, 504478, 687184, 393441, 660997, 673683, 389692, 267637, 571010, 167412, 567813, 315648.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Carers deserve to be recognised says the Vale MP

VALE of Glamorgan MP, John Smith, is backing this year's Carers Week (June 8-14) in support of carers in the Vale who are among the six million people in the UK who provide unpaid care for a loved one who is ill, frail or disabled.

Mr Smith commented: "There are thousands of people in the Vale of Glamorgan who sacrifice their time - and often have to struggle on their health, finances, alone," he said.

Penarth coffee

ON Saturday, June 20, a coffee morning will be held at the Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth in aid of The Seafarers UK, an umbrella charity for all maritime personnel in need.

There will be a home produce stall and raffle. Admission 50p; entry for children free.

'Good food and no smoking is my secret' says May (100 years young)

PORHCRAWL resident Annie Mary (May) Williams celebrated her 100th birthday last week with family, friends and civic VIPs.

She received congratulatory cards from the Queen, the Welsh Assembly and the Welsh Office - as well as a bouquet of flowers from the Porthcawl Town Council presented to her by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rosemary Deere.

May was born on June 3, 1909 in Coedpen Road, Pontypridd, and said that she owed her longevity to determination, a robust constitution, good food and no smoking!

Picture by KEITH E MORGAN



Left to right:- Jacqueline Compton-Williams, daughter-in-law, Charlotte Compton-Williams, grand-daughter, Annie Mary (May) Williams, with bouquet of flowers, and Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rosemary Deere.

Safety first is the theme at Vale primary schools get-together

PUPILS from 12 Vale primary schools gathered at Barry Memorial Hall recently for one of the biggest children's events in the Vale Council's calendar.

The third annual Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) get-together saw over 60 Vale primary schoolchildren, teachers and helpers, attend to celebrate their achievements over the past year.

The day included demonstrations by a crew from Barry Fire Station, who showed the type of

equipment they use for rescuing people trapped in their vehicles, officers from South Wales Police Road Safety team with their squad car, as well as an actual crashed car scenario with dummies, hosted by South Wales Fire and Rescue personnel.

The event ended with a special performance from the Gregory Brothers' road safety and recycling roadshow, which has been touring Vale primary and special schools.

John Rogers, the Vale Council's JRSO scheme organiser said: "Yet again, the JRSO get-together was a huge success. I

would like to thank everyone for contributing to such a worthwhile event. The JRSOs were a credit to themselves and the schools they proudly represent and their energy and enthusiasm in spreading the word of road safety was simply amazing. Keep up the great work you are doing!"

The Junior Road Safety Officer scheme is run by the Vale Council's road safety team as part of a national scheme which empowers children to highlight road safety issues amongst fellow pupils, teachers and their local community.

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In the face of challenging headlines, OUR FOCUS MUST REMAIN FIRMLY ON THE VULNERABLE

DESPITE the changing and challenging headlines, for those of us in Government, it is vital to focus on the needs of those who are most affected by the economic downturn and support those who are at the frontline of services for our most vulnerable citizens.

Last week was Volunteers Week and I had a number of engagements which enabled me to congratulate volunteers who are the mainstay of a number of services.

Presenting SNAP Cymru with the Investing in Volunteers Award provided the opportunity to congratulate the volunteers who support children and young people with special needs.

There was no doubt that the volunteers gained great satisfaction from their important roles.

Some said they just wanted to help, for others, the volunteering provided the opportunity to gain skills and experience for future employment.

Support, mentoring, advocacy and information is provided by the SNAP Cymru volunteers who have a base in the HUB, Barry YMCA for Vale families.

At the event held to celebrate the achievements of the volunteers, I was able to update

those attending with the work we are doing to improve services for children with additional learning needs, particularly with the statutory assessment and statementing framework in Wales.

SNAP Cymru has consulted parents and carers to help us work on this area of policy to support and not impede them in securing services for their children.

This was brought home to me when I visited the Vale Dyspraxia Group meeting at Barry Hospital last Monday evening, to talk with parents about their concerns and anxieties – particularly in relation to the transition between primary and secondary school, the differing experiences of children with additional learning needs in the school setting and the support they receive.

We must deliver consistency based on best practice.

On Thursday evening, I congratulated another group of Vale Volunteers working for the Vale Mediation Service, providing a pioneering new service of mediation, to help deal with neighbour and other disputes that can blight lives unless handled sensitively and professionally.

These volunteer mediators are fully trained for their roles and the service has been instrumental in developing the 'mediator role' to great effect.

Vale Foster Carers, husband and wife team Geoffrey Phillips MBE, and Myra Phillips MBE,

were honoured at the first 'Recognising Achievement' ceremony last week at Caerphilly Castle, hosted by the First Minister, Rhodri Morgan AM.

In his welcome address, he said that the Welsh Assembly Government was introducing a new awards system alongside the UK Honours scheme, which allows us to show appreciation for 'what people from Wales achieve for themselves and for others'.

I know that foster carers play that vital role in supporting our most vulnerable children and young people, having met with the Vale Network and with the Director of the Fostering Network, Freda Lewis, last week.

Moving on through the week, the launch of the new CAB service provided by the Vale Citizens Advice Bureau in Llantwit Major, was another welcome opportunity to meet and thank the CAB volunteers who are much needed in this time of financial pressure on so many families in the Vale.

A call for more volunteers to come forward to work in the CAB was made, particularly in the western Vale, where the new service will be provided at Llantwit Major Youth Centre, Station Road between 9.30am-11.30am Mondays to Fridays.

At the eastern end of the Vale, Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern provides a vital role in the community with provision of volunteer trans-

port for shopping and appointments, information services and social contact, all reported at their AGM this week.

This week is also Carers Week, and I was delighted to join carers at Dyffryn Gardens on Tuesday for recognition of their care and support for their loved ones.

With our new powers in the Assembly we will be supporting a wide range of 'Welsh laws' to support the provision of care by carers and to promote the well-being of carers.

I shall also be welcoming Vale artist and carer, Sol Jorgensen, to the Senedd with her outstanding exhibition on her life as a carer, based on her own experience of caring for her son, Seth, following her exhibitions at Barry's Art Central and St Donat's Arts Centre earlier this year.

The lives and needs of young carers will also be featured this week by the Children's Commissioner at the Senedd, alongside this powerful exhibition.

Over a million people in Wales volunteer on a regular basis and the Assembly Government supports them in a number of ways, including the Millennium Volunteers providing new opportunities for 16 to 25-year-olds to volunteer.

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

Carers are supporting their relatives and friends in every community in Wales backed by the carers strategy, which was one of the first funded programmes of the Welsh Assembly Government ten years ago.

We must thank and support our volunteers and carers in Wales this week.

Historic church launches appeal

AN appeal to restore the church of Merthyr Dyfan, built on the oldest Christian site in Wales has been launched by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

Around 180 AD, the Bishop of Rome sent two priests to Britain – St Dyfan and St Fagan. Historical records state that St. Dyfan, the founder of British Christianity, came to Barry and was buried there. 'Merthyr' is a corruption of the Latin 'Martyrium' – the burial place.

Although always known as Merthyr Dyfan

church, it is actually dedicated to St Dyfan and St Teilo. The church which Dyfan brought grew and was organised into the Church in Wales.

The appeal hopes to raise £25,000 for essential repairs, new drainage system and traditional lime plastering for the interior walls to prevent damp penetration damaging the ancient church.

Neighbouring schools Ysgol Maes Dyfan and Oakfield Primary use the church as an educational resource.

Much of the present church was built in 1250 AD, including most of the walls, the font, the base of the Preaching Cross and the stone altar.

"Witnessing to the Christian faith for some 2,000 years, the future of Merthyr Dyfan Church is now in the hands of our generation and it is hoped that everyone who would wish to ensure that this beautiful church can continue to maintain its unbroken record of Christian worship will give a donation to the appeal, Ms Hutt said.

Donations to support the appeal can be sent to the Rector, Father Robert Parrish, Merthyr Dyfan Rectory, 10 Buttrills Road, Barry. Telephone (01446) 735943 or can be handed in at the morning service which is held every Sunday commencing at 8.45am.



Merthyr Dyfan parishioners with Jane Hutt AM.

Dogs Trust seeks a caring home for its lovable Casper

The GEM has joined forces with the Dogs Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

CASPER is a 6-year-old Lhasa Apso. He came into us as a stray, so we do not have any background information on him.

He does take his time to get to know you, and can appear quite aloof, but he is a really lovable little man once he trusts you. He adores his food, which makes training him easy and fun.

He does get on with other dogs, but is not suitable to live with any children. He will need to live with adults who have had experience of training dogs, and who will be prepared to visit a few times before adopting, so that he can get to know you.

He is looking for the



ABOVE: Caspar.

right home who will give him the time and patience he needs, and in return will make a lovely little companion.

If you would like more information on Casper, or any of the other dogs, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Court Colman, Pen-y-fai, Bridgend or phone on

01656 725219. Casper and some of his friends are on our website which is at www.dogstrust.org.uk, (click on Rehoming).

The Dogs Trust Bridgend's summer fete and fun dog show takes place at Margam Country Park, on Sunday, June 12 at 11am-4pm!

Lions Clubs get together for a Charter night

FRIDAY night saw Barry Lions Club's 28th Annual Charter Night at the Mount Sorrel Hotel.

Joining Lions President, Nanette Langford, were the District Governor, Surinder Mahotra, Past District Governor Bob Gosling, and the presidents of the Lions Clubs of Maesteg, Porthcawl, and Llantwit Major & Cowbridge together with many of their members and ladies.

After an excellent dinner and a few short speeches, the guests were entertained by cabaret artiste Maria Lynn, followed by dancing until midnight.

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PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

Not so much a mobile phone, more an Appstore

ONE of life's little irritations is a table that wobbles. You have to put something under one of the legs to steady it, but which one? Peter had the answer.

Peter had explained to members of Penarth Computer Club that mobile phones were developing apace. Early ones were like house-bricks and only made phone calls. Now they are pocket-sized and used by millions of people to do more and more.

After reviewing the major factors governing development, he noted some of the present trends. For some time the major mobile phone companies have been introducing more facilities by way of their telephones. This is, of course, to persuade you to buy their products.

These gadgets are telephones and will always be used as telephones – but with a difference. They have inbuilt cameras that are better than the early

expensive digital ones.

The pictures can be sent over the internet to anywhere in the world in moments. They can play music downloaded from a massive library directly into a phone. You can then play them back in any order (including random).

They can access the internet and download books, news items and generally browse the Internet.

They can have the GPS (Global Positioning System) keeping track of where you are. Browsing will let you access the social network sites like Facebook, YouTube, flickr and twitter. Internal movement sensors can automatically change the screen from vertical to horizontal.

The design has been improved so much that some are issued without instruction manuals because they are so easy to understand. Buttons are being replaced by touchscreens showing icons. Competition means that if the customer wants something, all the manufacturers will try to provide it.

The big outfits cannot incorporate everything that everyone wants (even when the memory and processor could cope) because it isn't practicable.

One way they satisfy this demand is to put small applications ('Apps') in an Appstore and make them available for download. This gave rise to a system where any individual can create an App to do one task and make it available for low cost or free.

Any user can download any interesting ones for an average cost of about 99p. Appstores started in June 2008 and currently contain 25,000 to 45,000 Apps across three stores. In April 2009, the BILLIONTH App was downloaded.

A single App might become popular and, even at 50p, could make thousands of pounds for the writer.

Some Apps are useful and some are for fun. One simply lights up the phone screen for use as a torch. It can use different colours or flash a distress signal. Another allows you to use your phone as a remote control for your TV.

What about a calendar where the touchscreen facility allows you to turn the pages? If you are reading a downloaded book you can adjust the size of the print for maximum reading comfort.

One will act as a sound meter. Another will display how many phone minutes or texts you have left before the next allowance begins – and how many days to it!

An App will work with Google and the GPS to show you where you are on a map. That

can be extended to show you where your friends are as well (if they agree). Another will use the same information to tell you where the nearest restaurant is and show you the menu. Or the next nearest if you don't like the first one.

The security of the mobile phone is strong enough to foresee its use as a credit-card type device eventually.

For sheer fun, the movement sensors allow an App to be used to play a maze game where you roll a virtual ball around obstacles to a target. How about an air guitar that allows strings to be strummed by waving the device and letting the motion sensor play the sound – more vigour more sound?

One App will even picture a glass of beer and allow you to 'drink' it from the corner by tipping the phone. A quick shake will give a refill.

The very next day I was describing to my lunch companions an App that will picture vertical and horizontal spirit levels that work. They scorned the idea that it would be of any use. As we were leaving the restaurant, they were amazed to see a pre-teen lad using his phone to check the level of his dining table. His soup won't run off the edge of his dish.

Penarth Computer Club next meets on June 23 at 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, telephone 029 2070 8439.

HOWARD DESMOND
(Chairman)

NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS GROUP

LUNCHTIME AT MYNYDD FARTEG FAWR, UNDER A CLOUDLESS BLUE SKY

RECENTLY, 13 walkers, including three visitors from Cardiff, joined their leader Barbara Palmer at Cwmtillery Lake on a glorious morning.

Just northeast of Abertillery, the former feeder pool that led to Cwmtillery Colliery (long since closed), has been transformed into a 14-acre lake that is stocked with rainbow trout to attract fly-fishers.

Prior to the start of their 9-mile walk, the group were surprised to be asked by the leader if they were carrying any alcohol.

Their initial amazement soon turned to laughter when they passed a police notice on a stile informing them that it was an alcohol free area.

Ramblers are used to seeing many different kinds of notices in and around the countryside, but this indeed was a new one!

Continuing up the lane and along pleasant pathways through ancient woodland, the walkers climbed slowly, glad of the shelter the trees gave from the hot sun, before their height offered them the chance to enjoy the view back down the valley.

Below them, the sun shimmered on the still water and the tops of the ancient packhorse bridges were showing above the water in the Cwmtillery reservoir.

A stony track led them up onto open moorland and views towards Pen y Fan and the Central Beacons and after the climb, the group enjoyed a coffee break while gazing at the views.

Then it was time to head south and into a welcome breeze as they branched off towards Mynydd Farteg Fawr. Crossing an old disused quarry, they followed a narrow permitted path through the heather towards the trig point.

Here they were serenaded by birdsong and there were hazy views over Blaenavon and the Bloreng Mountain as they walked.

Reaching the ruins on Mynydd Farteg Fawr, they stopped for lunch in the long-awaited warm sunshine under an almost cloud-free blue sky and away in the distance a view of Skirrid Mountain.

Moving on across Mynydd Coety, the group paused to look at what is commonly known as 'the dog stone'. Here is a stone monument to Carlo – the



ABOVE: The walkers take a pause for breath at Cwmtillery.

Red Setter, who was accidentally shot by his owner while out on a hunting trip on August 12, 1864 (the 'glorious twelfth' in hunting circles, but not for this poor dog!).

Picking their way down the mountain, the group joined up with the track from Varteg with its remnants of colliery tips and pit shafts that litter this once highly industrial area.

At the head of the valley, a short stop for refreshments saw the group being entertained by two mallard ducks swooping down like low flying aircraft.

Then came the final short climb onto the ridge before they returned downhill back to their start, after a trip around an area not many people had previously visited.

On June 13, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 7-mile moderate walk in the Llangybi area; contact Val H on 029 2051 3274.

On June 14, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 9-mile moderate/hard walk at Sugar Loaf Mountain; contact Nick on 01446 420540.

On June 18, the sixth summer evening walk will leave the Bridge Café car park, Cold Knap at 7pm for a trip across three beaches;

contact Janet/John on 01446 418514. There are no official stops but you may wish to carry a drink.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks.

Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto

www.ramblers.org.uk

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

THE month of May has slipped by and the population of each hive is now in the region of some 50/60,000 bees.

Although the weather has not been of the best, temperatures have been good enough for the bees to get out and forage at every opportunity.

The beekeeper must do his/her utmost to ensure that the bees have enough room to store all their requirements – not forgetting the queen, who will easily be laying some 2,000 eggs per day.

Swarming is now a very real prospect – and along with the bees' natural instinct to do so, the lack of room is a surefire way to prompt this activity.

Weekly inspections are the order of the day if possible. The making of queen cells is a good indicator that swarming is on the minds of the bees.

These larger finger-like cells will each receive an egg. It will hatch into a grub in three days and from then on, it will receive an exclusive diet of royal jelly. After eight days, the cell will be sealed over

with a capping of wax and on the 16th day, a queen will emerge. Before this event takes place, if the beekeeper has not been vigilant, the old queen will have departed the hive, along with a goodly portion of bees, and much of the honey as well.

Swarming in fact! The swarming bees, who need the honey as their final destination, will have nothing in place for them. They must start to manufacture honeycomb immediately on arrival and this requires energy, which equals food (honey).

Along with the bees, of course, will be the ever-present varroa mite. Given that the new colony will very likely be established within a chimney or a hole in a wall or even a tree, no beekeeper will be on hand to administer any control over these mites. That this colony is doomed is a foregone conclusion.

Meanwhile, the hive from which the swarm departed still has some bees in it and, of course, queen cells due to hatch. This hive is ticking over, but on the emergence of a queen, they will get busy removing the

remaining queen cells and very possibly the new queen will assist them. Only one queen can be allowed in the hive. It will be some two weeks before this new queen is ready to mate.

She will leave the hive, seeking drones to carry out this activity. When it is done, she will return to the hive and proceed to lay eggs to boost the population of the hive and return it to stability. She will not leave the hive again until in her turn, she may depart with a swarm.

Swarming is a perfectly natural phenomenon. It ensures the continuation of the species, or did until the advent of the mite.

As beekeepers, we have just got to live with it.

I may be taking honey off shortly, which will be the first for some two years – fingers crossed.

Should anyone wish to report swarms, the person to contact is Barbara Chick (Cardiff & Vale Beekeepers) on 029 2059 7275.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

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Brew up for Marie Curie!

MARIE CURIE Cancer Care is encouraging local people to hold a tea party between June 12 and July 12, to raise money in aid of the charity.

"All tea parties, however big or small, will help Marie Curie Nurses to provide free care for terminally ill people in their own homes or one of the charity's hospices," said community fundraiser Katy Tadayon.

"This is a great excuse to get together with friends old and new and turn a social get together into something a bit more special.

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Full details on 08700 340 040 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty

Local author aims for laughs with 'new' book (started in 1964!)

LOCAL author, Colin Drury, of Dinas Powys, recently published his first book, which he actually started writing in 1964.

The Darts 'B' Team is a humorous account of the exploits of a team of drunken, hopeless darts players, who only have to win one game in an entire season to win a bet, but struggle to achieve even that.

The book is loosely based on Colin's upbringing in a south Wales pub in the 50s and 60s, but he hastens to add the team he played for was never anything like as bad as his fictional one.

He said the book can be enjoyed by anyone who has played darts at any level, or has never even picked up a 'set of arrows' at all.

Television show business presenter Arfon Haines Davies has described it as "hugely entertaining and consistently brilliant", it also contains a concise history of darts which will appeal to anyone with a basic interest in the game.

The author was brought up in a hotel in Porthcawl, followed by a public house in Kenfig Hill and attended Cowbridge Grammar School in the 1950s.

Since 1971, he has lived in Dinas Powys with his wife, Christine.

The book is available locally at the Windsor Book Shop, Penarth, The Book Shop, John Street, Porthcawl, The Post Office, Pyle, or online from the publishers, AuthorHouse (www.authorhouse.co.uk).



ABOVE: Colin with his book.

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Homes & Gardens

Growing your own is on the up and up...

THE popularity of growing your own food is ever-increasing at the moment, and the Vale Council has agreed to find more space for allotments in Barry.

Last week, a recommendation to create community allotments on available space in the Pencoedre area of Gibbonsdown was passed by the cabinet.

The allotments will be at the site of the old 1-6 Pencoedre allotments, and the cabinet will be asked to enter into a lease with a local community group formed by local residents, the Communities First Peoples Allotment Group.

The group has developed a plan to re-fence the site, install a cabin and cultivate the plots so that they can be brought into active use.

With demand still high elsewhere in the Vale, a further report to cabinet members, which will consider full allotment provision within the Vale is currently being compiled.

HOW TO TACKLE JAPANESE KNOTWEED IN YOUR GARDEN

LOCAL gardeners are being offered advice on how to tackle a persistent enemy – Japanese knotweed.

Often found growing in gardens, along rivers, woodlands and even in car parks, this invasive plant forms thick, dense colonies that completely crowd out any other herbaceous species.

A council spokesman stated: "Care should be taken when dealing with Japanese knotweed.

"It is a criminal offence to cause it to spread, and very small fragments of shoot or root material can give rise to a new infestation.

"It is the duty of the landowner to treat Japanese knotweed on their land if it is growing onto neighbouring land."

The Bridgend County Borough Council has joined forces with the Llynfi Rivercare Group, Environment Agency Wales and Keep Wales Tidy, to offer the following advice to anyone who discovers a small infestation in their garden.

- Japanese knotweed is classed as controlled waste under the Environmental Protection Act (1990) and can only be disposed of at a licensed tip, with a licence from the Environment Agency Wales.

- If you intend to manage Japanese knotweed without the use of herbicides, please contact the Environment Agency Wales for advice.

- NEVER place cuttings of Japanese knotweed into compost.

- NEVER dispose of Japanese knotweed as green waste.

- You should spray Japanese knotweed with herbicide at the end of the growing season, just before the plant dies back in early September. Spraying should be carried out in calm, dry conditions, when no rain is expected for 24 hours after spraying.

Herbicide treatment earlier in the season will not be effective. A follow up spray may be required to kill off the remaining shoots.

- If you are spraying within 10 metres of a water-course, approval is required

from the Environment Agency Wales.

- Glyphosate is a chemical commonly used to treat knotweed which can be found in certain herbicides.

Care should be taken when spraying with glyphosate, as it will kill any plant that it comes into contact with. If you are treating an area near water, only

use products which are specially formulated for an aquatic environment.

Anyone who discovers a larger infestation of Japanese knotweed will need to seek professional advice.

Call the Environment Agency Wales on 08708 506 506, or Bridgend council on 01656 643160.

A look at what's in store at Leekes

WHAT'S new for your home or garden this summer at Leekes?

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LEFT: The Charles Rennie Mackintosh kitchen collection, available now at Leekes.



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Taff Trail cyclists raise £3,263 for charities

OVER a dozen staff from the Vale Council have raised £3,263 for the Brain Research Trust and the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth, after completing a charity bike ride.

Cycling with friends who were keen to join the challenge, they tackled a 35-mile section of the Taff Trail from Pontsticill Reservoir in the Brecon Beacons National Park down to Cardiff Bay.

With varying cycling experience and ability, the riders all set off together, some on new bikes bought specifically for the event, others on borrowed bikes, and a few on trusty (rusty) old beasts that they found hiding in the shed!

Event organiser Linda Ruston said: "The riders stayed close together,

spurring each other on, before they spread out once Cardiff was in sight.

"Everyone made it in one piece, although there were a few wrong turns along the way! We are delighted to have raised lots of money for two really worthwhile charities, and the ride was so much fun that we are going to make it an annual event."

The Brain Research Trust provide funding for research into neurological diseases and conditions such as Alzheimer's, brain tumours and autism, while the Penarth hospice provides specialist care for people with cancer and life-limiting illnesses.

People can donate online at www.justgiving.com/tafftrail-mariecurie or www.justgiving.com/tafftrail-brainresearch.

Where were main UK parties in Euro elections?

I HAVE just returned from exercising my right to vote in the European elections, and what a surprise I had when I entered the polling booth.

On the ballot form was a list of 11 political parties, some of which I had never heard of, with 44 candidates.

The only name I recognised was that of Arthur Scargill, and he wasn't standing. Who or what should I vote for? Should I take the election seriously?

My new MEP will be rewarded with a very large salary, and huge expenses, for doing not a lot. How can I be sure that I am voting for the best candidate?

Normally at election times we are inundated with propaganda from the parties anxious for our votes.

This time, I had leaflets only from the BNP, UKIP, and Plaid Cymru. Where were the Conservatives, Labour and Lib Dems and Others. (all you notice in alphabetical order)?

How could I make up my mind? In America, they once had a Know Nothing Party. How do I join?

Do the politicians have something they think is more important monopolising their attention.

Something to do with corruption in the Commons and Lords?

Pages in The GEM recently have shown dissatisfaction with the expenses of Vale coun-

cillors. At even more local level, there is trouble in the Llantwit Major Council chamber as party politics has now found a place and recriminations have begun.

The Llantwit Major Independents started as a breakaway from the Conservative Party. Are the Tories now intent on revenge?

Coun Gwyn John is correct when he says that politics is – or has become – all about obeying the party line, but it was not always thus.

Politics is about principles and service, not about ambition and changing sides, and not about making money.

Vivian Kelly, Boverton

Barrivale news

TWO Barrivale members, Noelle Bond and Kay Dyer, won the Welsh Bridge Union Ladies, pairs championship held at Pen y Bont on Saturday, June 6.

Latest results from Barrivale:

June 2: first, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 61.90 per cent; second, Mike Best and Mike Close 60.71 per cent; third, Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones 58.33 per cent.

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A look at living and working in Rhose

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However, that does not mean that traders based in the village spend their day in the deckchair, drink in hand, looking out across the Bristol Channel.

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ABOVE: The Blue Anchor.

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New radio station gives their young visitors a VIP tour



ABOVE: The children with their teachers along with Steve Powell, station manager, and Jan Gray his assistant.

BRO Radio recently gave a big welcome to children from Gibbonsdown Children's Centre Playscheme.

Gill Munroe and Julia John from the centre had asked to come along and bring the children to witness behind the scenes action at the station.

The children were given a VIP tour by station manager, Steve Powell, who invited the children to take part in the drivetime show with volunteer presenter Lee Mac.

The children were interviewed on air and sang along with Queen's 'We Will Rock You'. The visit ended with a chip lunch at the YMCA Hub café.

Steve Powell said: "We were delighted to have the children with us and they were very well behaved."

"They were interested in what we do here at BRO Radio and I am sure we may have some future volunteers."

For more information about BRO Radio station visits, call Jan Gray on 01446 420 681.

VALE GARDENS ARE OPEN FOR CHARITY

PROUD gardeners in the Vale are opening up their private pride and joy to raise money for charity, as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

One village that is playing a major part is Penmark, where five gardens will be open to the public on Saturday, June 20, between 11am and 5pm.

Cynthia John, who is co-ordinating the Penmark effort, told The GEM that she thought that the village would be putting on a fine show.

She said: "Last year, we had four gardens open, and it was a great success."

She added that the official 'yellow book' brochure had listed six gardens, but that one had had to drop out due to building work. The gardens are within a one-mile circular walk, but transport is available as well.

Two days before, on June 18, Diana Mead of Penarth will be opening her garden for the same cause.

Diana told The GEM: "My garden (at 77 Coleridge Avenue, Penarth) is small but shows how with imagination and planning

even the smallest plot can be attractive and productive.

"It is three small, individually-designed linked plots - cottage style front, vegetable and fruit side and sunny rear."

Diana has taken part in this charity day twice before. She said: "Previous visitors will remember the restricted apple and pear trees, all fruiting this year, including the step-over apples I grafted and trained myself - great excitement!"

"There will also be an art exhibition, and Jill Colman will be displaying her distinctive pottery in the studio and garden. There will be paintings, prints, greetings cards (including a new larger range) and pottery for sale - plus a good selection of plants."

Diana added: "The garden is looking good - despite the recent torrential rain! And I am looking forward to welcoming old friends and new visitors alike."

This Sunday (June 14) just north of the Vale in Pentrych, six small to medium gardens will be open, all within easy walking distance of each other, from 11am - 6pm.



ABOVE and BELOW: Gardens in Penmark. (Photographs by Mike Wilcock).



WEA fun day in Penarth

A WEA fun day at the Kymin, Penarth, will offer craft taster sessions on Monday, June 29.

These include flower arranging, hand massage and aromatherapy, as well as a tombola stall and others selling home produce and crafts.

The fun day (11am-3pm) will be supported by Workers Education Association branches from Barry, Bridgend and Cardiff, and will raise funds to support further local classes, as well as events at Ferryside, near Carmarthen.

Ghana fun day

A TOTAL of 26 riders took part in the HopetoGhana sponsored bike ride on the Taff Trail - and riders raised £2,000 by completing 25 miles.

The money raised will go towards the target of £10,000 to build three new classrooms for a school in Ashaiman in Ghana, West Africa.

The next HopetoGhana fundraising event will be a fun day on June 27 at St Cyres school, Penarth, from 12noon-4pm. Everyone is welcome! £1 entrance fee.

All the money raised will go towards the Ghana project.



Diana Mead's garden in Penarth.

Baruc Choir helps raise £2,000 for children's trust

BARRY bank employee Ailsa Lloyd from Barry recently organised a pro-life soiree to raise funds for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children's educational and research trust.

The evening raised £2,000, which was matched £ for £ as part of the Barclays community investment programme.

Janet Thomas from SPUC Educational and Research Trust said: "We are trying not only to raise funds for the pro-life cause but also to remind our community of the sanctity of life from conception to natural death."

"The money raised will be used for training speakers to educate young people, in schools, about the development of the unborn child."



ABOVE: The Baroc choir sing for charity - and helped to raise £2,000 for the trust.

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30 YEARS ON, THE LLANTWIT MAJOR PANTOMIME SOCIETY'S 'DAME' TAKES NOSTALGIC LOOK BACK

GEOFF MORTIMER current treasurer of Llantwit Major Pantomime Society, is celebrating 30 years in pantomime this year.

Geoff joined the society in 1979, after he moved into the area in 1978 with a promotion

in his employment. He was no stranger to 'treading the boards' as, before he crossed the border into Wales from Burton-on-Trent in the Midlands, he was a leading actor with a local drama group.

His claim to fame during this period was playing a 75-year-old man at the tender age of

17: "Many of the audience could not believe I was so young until they met me without my make-up!" Geoff told The GEM.

On settling down in Llantwit Major, he first joined the drama group - Llantwit Major Amateur Dramatic Society, but was soon persuaded by some of the members of this society to join the Pantomime Society, where some of the drama group were already members.

His first pantomime was *Aladdin* when he

played the part of Wishy Washy. He then went from strength-to-strength, and was soon to become regularly cast as the dame in many pantomimes.

At the time of joining, the pantomime cost under £1,000 to stage, but due to inflation and rising costs, this figure has risen to around £7,500.

His late wife, Jenny, had already joined the society as a chorus member the year before and she also became a stalwart of the society,



Geoff Mortimer.

directing pantomimes on five occasions and offering her services as Prompt, a task at which she particularly excelled. Sadly, Jenny passed away in January this year.

While Geoff had to stand down from close contact with the society during 2008, due to his wife's illness, he now feels he needs to get involved with the society more than ever in order to try to fill the void left by his wife.

"When I joined the society all those years ago, the members were mostly of a similar age but, while we had a good number of members to draw upon, things started to get more and more difficult as the years passed. It is all very well playing a 75-year-old man at 17, but it is nigh on impossible the other way round," Geoff quipped. "The older generation still have a part to play in society affairs, but none of us are getting any younger so we have to use our talents in other directions like costumes, front of house duties and other tasks

that don't put too much strain on our mature bodies!" he added.

Geoff told The GEM that the society were always looking for new blood to get involved, be it backstage, front of house, administration, or as a budding actor or actress.

The pantomime this year is to be *Sleeping Beauty* and has been written by Graham Beckwith, a member of the society, who first went on stage at the tender age of 8 or 9.

The society intend to hold a 'Meet and Greet' evening in Llantwit Major Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, August 22 at 7.30pm when an outline of the pantomime will be given, including a preview of all the songs to be performed.

Prospective members are cordially invited to come and meet the gang ("most are a bit mad!"), have a bite to eat and a drink at the bar which will be available. There is no admission charge, so no excuses for not coming along, Geoff said.

The society has an active social side and events are planned for the whole year.

They will also be running a stall at the Victorian Fayre day when members will be dressed in costume, persuading members of the public to throw wet sponges at one of their group in a pillory.

"They will even allow the public to insist that members of their own family should spend five minutes in the pillory - for a small charge of course!"

"The Pantomime Society is the best organisation I have ever

joined and I would recommend it to anyone for enjoyment and a sense of fulfilment. We bring joy and laughter to around 1000 residents of Llantwit every year and I get a real buzz from

that feeling when we have put on a good show," concluded Geoff.

If you wish to talk to Geoff about the society or any future events, he can be contacted on 01446 796620.



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All roads lead to Llantwit Major for that eagerly-awaited Victorian Fair

LLLANTWIT MAJOR'S Victorian Fair, one of the major outdoor events in the Vale over the years – will be the centrepiece of this summer's attractions in the town.

Held every two years, it is being staged on

Saturday, June 20, when once again the streets will be lined with stalls, selling a variety of sweets, crafts and other traditional goods.

The event will be officially opened at 10.30am by the Mayor, Coun Russell Downe, from the steps of Llantwit Town Hall.

The fair takes over the town for the day, and

most of the roads leading into the old town will be closed from 8am.

The Town Hall car park will house a fun fair and stalls, and there will be more stalls in the car park at the Old School.

Stalls will then line East Street, linking the old town with the new shops at Boverton Road, which will also be closed to traffic.

There will be stalls inside the Precinct, and chairman Janet Moisan said they were grateful to Mr Ian Hunt for allowing this to happen.

Throughout the day, there will be various activities and street entertainment.

Stage Door One are presenting a performance, and Major Music are also putting on a show. These will be at the stage area in

Boverton Road. At 11.30am, a group of 'laydees' (alias a group of local rugby players!) will set off from the stage on a charity cycle ride around the town.

At 3pm, there will be a tug of war between local teams – again on Boverton Road.

Old fashioned sequence dancing takes place from 2pm-4pm inside Llantwit Major Rugby Club, when the dancers will be in period costume.

"We hope lots of people will dress up," said Mrs Moisan. "We know that the stall holders will do, but it's nice when the visitors also join in."

"It makes for a great atmosphere – just dust off granny's shawl or whatever, and join in the fun!"

A photographic competition is also taking

place, starting from the Town Hall. People are given clues and have to follow a trail and take a picture at each stop. Their photographs are judged later.

In addition, street entertainers, including stilt walkers and balloon modellers, will mingle with the crowds.

"Many of the charities taking part will be putting on side shows, like throwing a wet sponge and other games for the children," Mrs Moisan explained.

"We hope that there will be plenty for the children to do, as well as entertainment for all age groups."

Lots of charities take a stall at the fair in order to raise money or promote their own good cause. Other organisations taking part include Llantwit Major

Comprehensive school.

The fair does not aim to make a profit and the fees charged to stall holders are used to cover the running costs and things such as insurance.

Car parking in the town will be limited, although the Precinct car park remains open.

Many of the others will be inaccessible to cars because of road closures. "We encourage local people to walk into town and we hope visitors will come by rail. Thousands of people attend this event and we are hoping for even more this year," she commented.

The Victorian Fair has been part of the calendar in Llantwit for more than 20 years and over this period it has had some ups and downs.

"We are building it back up again. This is a great day out for the family and a chance to attract people into our lovely town, which dates from the fifth century."

"Llantwit has some fabulous old buildings and a fantastic heritage, as well as modern shops."

"The stalls will also give people a chance to buy something a little bit different, or special," Mrs Moisan concluded.

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The Llantwit Major-based charity, Major Music, in partnership with St Donats Arts Centre, will be promoting the 'Vale's Got Musical Talent' on Friday, July 17.

Phil Kirkham, the chairman of the Major

Music, explained that this event was open to all types of musical talent.

Phil said: "We are looking for a wider cross section – ranging from individual singers and musicians, bands, classical, rock, or 60s music".

Local businessman, trustee and mentor with Major Music, James Emery, said: "As a result of our work with Major Music, we are lucky enough to encounter some incredible young people with a real passion for music."

"I can't wait to see what the wider Vale will show us on the night. I'd urge everybody to get behind the event as I'm sure it will be a better!"

Application forms and more information for the event are available by contacting Phil on 01446 792543, or James on 07966 281804.

Tickets for the event (priced at £4) are available direct from the arts centre on: 01446 799100; or locally in Llantwit Major at Chris Williams opticians, or again by contacting either Phil or James.

Anyone wishing to support the work of Major Music at its weekly workshops, or who could sponsor in any way, should contact Phil or James for more information, or leave a message on the website guest page at www.majormusic.net

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Bridgend County Borough Council – Ogmere Residential Centre, Hazelwood, off Main Road, Ogmere By Sea – demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site for residential purposes. Newydd Housing Association – vacant land at corner of Court Road and Newton Street, Barry – amendment to planning permission 2007/01520/FUL

comprising minor alterations to four townhouses as approved and variation to flats. Mr Neil Gregory – Nay y Deri, St Lythans – proposed new conservatory. Mr Mark Hamilton – Ash Tree Lodge, Llandow Village – construction of gable extension and new dormer to front elevation and provision of pitched roofs over existing dormer and

porch. Mr Kenneth Pile – Penarth and District Scout Activity Centre, off Bedwas Place, Penarth – replace the existing boundary fence between PADSAC and the public footpath (linking Coleridge Avenue and Cornerswell Road Lane) with 2.4m (h) galvanised steel fencing. Mr L Lamerton – 14 Plassey Street, Penarth – detached garage with

workshop at first floor level to rear. Mrs M Sutton – 29 Borough Avenue, Barry – two storey side extension to provide granny wing and single storey rear extension to provide utility room. Mr Terry Wood – 13 Craven Walk, Penarth – erection of porch to front elevation and extension and conservatory to rear. Mr John Arbourne – 25 Winsford Road, Sully –

erection of conservatory style utility room to the side of the existing dwelling. Mr Gary Allison – 18 Cawnpore Street, Cogan, Penarth – single storey extension to the rear of existing building with a 12.5 degrees pitch roof. Mr Anthony Simonite – Wilcot, Higher End, St Athan – first floor extension comprising bedroom and bathroom. The Secretary of State for Defence – land at and adjoining MoD St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan, extending from the B4265 at

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way improvements. Mr Gareth Watkins – 5 New Barn Holdings, Flemingston – retention of change of use of land from agriculture to residential. Mrs Sally Anne Perini – Community Centre (Flats), Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge – removal of existing rooflights due to weather ingress and their replacement with flush type (conservation grade) rooflights. Turfgrass Enterprises Limited – Cae Cefn Uchaf, Pantruthyn, near Pencoe – change of use of land to provide machinery training facilities and siting of three temporary offices. Mrs J Perkins – Chequers, Station Terrace, East Aberthaw – renewal of application 03/00840/FUL, erection of one single storey bungalow at Station Drive, East Aberthaw. Mr R Knight – Tanglewood, 31 Brookfield Avenue, Barry – to extend over existing garage/breakfast room at first floor level to side of dwelling. Leigh Osborne – 45 Pill Street, Cogan, Penarth – single storey extension to rear garden and loft conversion. Mr Martin Healer – The Barley Mow, Craig Penllyn – change of use of part of existing residential accommodation to bed and breakfast. Mr KD Glaisher – The Old Rectory, St Lythans – to extend to

rear of detached dwelling new two storey extension. The parish of Ewenny and St Brides Major – St Brides Major Church Hall, Southerndown Road, St Brides Major – addition of store room to existing east elevation of church hall. Coun Anthony Williams – Adjacent to 4a Geraints Close, Cowbridge – erection of single storey dwelling. Mr Stuart Isaac – 33 Coed Mawr, Barry – proposed WC alterations. Mr Ben Davies – 4 Clinton Road, Penarth – demolition of existing single storey extension, and replacing with a new single storey extension with internal alterations. Tim Vaughan – Pant Wilkin Stables, Llanquian Road, Aberthaw – erection of building for 22 stables and feed store (part retrospective), two isolation stables. Mr Peter Zehetmayr – 101 Westbourne Road, Penarth – first floor bedroom extension over existing ground floor, erection of conservatory and replacement car port roof. Mrs Hilary Bennett – 27 Station Street, Barry – proposed WC extension. Tim Vaughan – Pant Wilkin Stables, Llanquian Road, Aberthaw – retention of cover over horse walkers. Retention of two horse walkways.

SEARCH IS ON FOR VALE'S TOP GARDENERS

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has launched it's annual search for the area's top gardens.

The Barry, Penarth and Villages in Bloom competitions involve residents and businesses across the Vale, with organisers selecting overall Vale in Bloom winners in best front garden and best commercial classes.

The Barry and Penarth competition will cover six classes of best front garden, most beautiful hanging basket display, best disabled gardener's entry, best children's entry (under 16), best residential home/sheltered accommodation and best commercial entry (including schools, but with a slightly different judging criteria).

In the Villages in Bloom competitions, there will be two classes, best front garden and best commercial entry.

The competitions are free to enter, with cash prizes and plaques or certificates. Some winners can also receive the following trophies:

Front garden: Penarth's best entry in the seafront conservation area receives the Robert and Joan Ernest Trophy.

Hanging basket display: Barry winner (Peter May Memorial Trophy).

Disabled gardener: Barry winner (Tony Gatt Memorial Cup).

Children: Penarth winner (David Morgan Trophy) and Barry winner (Cabot Trophy).



The only requirement for entry is that displays must be visible from the road or footpath to the front of the property.

Application forms can be obtained from council offices in Barry (Civic and Dock), Wenvoe (The Alps), Penarth, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge, local libraries, by telephoning 01446 700111 and on the council website www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

The closing date for entries is Friday, 3rd July, 2009.



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• Villages

1. Best Front Garden
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- Children entering Class 4 must be under 16.
- Entrants who win a class for three consecutive years will not be allowed to enter the following year.
- Classes for the "Vale in Bloom Competition" will be – Best Front Garden and Best Commercial Entry
- Judging will take place during the two weeks commencing Monday, 13th July, 2009
- Judges decision will be final in all classes.
- Closing date for entries will be on Friday, 3rd July, 2009.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (LLANBLETHIAN PUBLIC FOOTPATH Nos. 17B & 25) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE & REVOCATION) ORDER 2009

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:-

SCHEDULE 1

Revocation

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Llanblethian Public Footpath No 25) (Temporary Closure) Order 2008 dated 23rd December 2008 shall be revoked from 05.59 on 22nd June 2009

SCHEDULE 2

No person shall proceed on foot in the locations specified in Schedule 3 below.

SCHEDULE 3

Location	Llanblethian Public Footpath No 17b , that extends from grid 300121 174863 in a generally north-northeasterly direction to grid 300233 175233.
Alt. Route	The diversion for this closure will be from 300121 174863 in a northeasterly direction along the former railway line to where this track meets a hedge at grid 300303 175155 then following the edge of the field (along the hedge line) in a northwesterly direction to where the field edge meets the line of the footpath at grid 300233 175233 and visa versa.
Location	Llanblethian Public Footpath No. 25 that extends from its junction with Aberthryn Road at grid 300170 174699 in a generally westerly direction to a point at grid 300064 174716 at the south western edge of the former settling bed.
Alt. Route	The diversion for this footpath will be from its junction with Aberthryn Road at grid 300170 174699 in a generally north westerly direction to the northeast of a former settling bed, along a track to grid 300089 174757, then in a south westerly direction to the northwest of the former settling bed to grid 300064 174716 at the south western edge of the former settling bed and visa versa.
Reason	To allow improvement/extension work to Cowbridge Comprehensive School.
Duration	From 6.00 Monday 22nd June 2009 for a maximum period of six months or completion of works, whichever is sooner.
Signing:	Appropriate temporary signing will indicate the alternative routes.

Dated this 11th day of June 2009

M. Punter, Head of Visible Services,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

Out and About with The GEM

WHAT'S ON/IN BRIEF

On the Big Screen

BIG SCREEN's next showing in Cowbridge is *Young Victoria* (Cert PG), on Thursday, June 18, at 7.30pm, in the Town Hall.

Starring Emily Blunt, this film charts the early life and love of Victoria.

This will be the final film of the season until September. Doors open at 7.10pm. Tickets £3 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on

the door).

Art show for charity

SULLY painting group's annual exhibition will take place at the Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully, on Friday, June 19, from 6pm-9pm; and on June 20, from 10am-6pm.

The exhibition's proceeds will support two local charities - Ty Hafan and Cancer Research.

Bridgend College students ready to get 'Footloose'



ABOVE: The Bridgend College students get 'Footloose' as they warm up for their musical in Porthcawl.

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This Terminator sequel lacks the human touch

HAVING already been one of the main forces behind the successful rebooting of one dormant franchise with *Batman Begins*, Christian Bale was the surprise name in front of the camera for a reawakening of the Terminator franchise in the series' fourth outing, *Terminator Salvation*.

Bale plays a grown-up John Connor, in charge of the human resistance against the machines. Connor is facing the challenge head-on, helping the resistance go up against Skynet; but when a mysterious stranger, Marcus Wright, arrives (played by Sam Worthington), Connor is forced to make decisions that will impact upon humanity, while also attempting to find Kyle Reese (Anton Yelchin), the man who holds the key not just to Connor's life, but also the resistance's efforts to defeat the machines...

'A film by McG'. Four little words that, depending on your point of view, give you the feeling that any film prefaced with this statement will be one of little substance and overcompensated visuals; the sort of film a 15-year-old boy might make were he given millions of dollars.

Having made his name with the *Charlie's Angels* films, he was hardly the top name to sit in the director's chair of a film aiming to revive a franchise that had been tarnished with 2003's *Rise of the Machines*.

However, reputations can be deceiving, as the oddly-monikered director does a good job with a film that entertains, but is let down by a tone situated somewhere between 'po-faced' and 'deadly serious'.

Not that a knockabout comedy was expected by any means; after all, this is the film that deals

with the aftermath of Judgement Day, when the machines took over, and then proceeded to wipe out humanity - hardly laugh-a-minute territory. A touch of humour, however, may have been a welcome addition to what is a tough two-hour film.

McG certainly makes a good fist of directing here, the film thankfully shorn of his ludicrous slow-motion shots (bar one or two) and hyperkinetic editing.

Instead, with the help of director of photography Shane Hurlburt (also known as the victim of Christian Bale's infamous tirade), he creates a wonderfully visual film that veers between the parched desolate landscapes of post-nuclear Los Angeles, and the shiny, technologically advanced machines, highlighting the two sides of the war.

He also has a way with the action sequences, delivering bombast with an edge and creating sequences that our both spectacular and tense.

Paying respect to the earlier films with some nods that are good (the use of the well-worn catchphrases, visual nods that expand upon the previous films) and some that are just plain awful (a computer-generated cameo from the most famous terminator is just plain awkward and embarrassing), McG does his reputation no harm with a good job here.

As seems to be the way these days, the cast all have gravitas and nous and are not afraid to use it, and the results are, by and large, good. The intense Bale does a fair job, let down a touch by the overly gravelled voice that is merely Batman minus the cowl and cape.

He is more than capable of adding depth to the film with his performance, but he often fails to convey the weight Connor is under, what with him being the saviour of mankind. Bale delivers his usual intense

performance, but there is lack of humanity (ironically) behind it.

More impressive is Sam Worthington, deemed to be Hollywood's next big thing, who offers a similarly gravel-voiced turn, but is saddled with a far more intriguing story arc that engages you more than that of Connor's.

While his accent work may need work, slipping into his native Australian with regularity, he brings a different dimension to the film and one that is welcome.

In smaller turns, both Moon Bloodgood and Anton Yelchin are impressive, despite having little to do. As the pilot rescued by Worthington's Marcus, Bloodgood delivers a strong performance that is sadly relegated to the sidelines, while Yelchin stirs up hints of previous Reese, Michael Biehn, with another measured performance to go with his turn in *Star Trek*.

Should the Terminator franchise grow further from this film, then Yelchin will no doubt be given a more hefty role, and one he'll have little trouble essaying.

John D Brancato and Michael Ferris' script deviates from the chase template prevalent in the series' previous entries, but while delivering the scenario that excites the most, the world in the control of Skynet, does-

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

n't quite pull it off.

The action and pace adds life to it, but the story is just that little bit too leaden. Given the subject matter, you can see why it is as serious as it is, but the previous films had lighter touches.

It makes for a decent blockbuster, and a fair entry into the Terminator franchise, but there is little fun to be had here.

VERDICT - An entertaining, if sombre, blockbuster film, *Terminator Salvation* suffers from a lack of a lightness of touch that would have improved its rather solemn tone.

Good direction from McG (and I never thought I would type that) and decent performances, add up to a worthwhile, but hardly essential, piece of work. *Average*.

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Bryn Hafren students stage a fundraising fayre

SIXTH form students from Bryn Hafren combined their Welsh Bacalaureate studies with fun to organise a fayre for other pupils at the school

The hugely successful event was the culmination of weeks of planning as part of their 'Team Enterprise' venture.

Each group chose their activity and decided which charity to donate any profits to, including Ty Hafan, Joshua Foundation, and Dogs Trust.

"The fayre, which was attended by hundreds of pupils, raised more than £500, and everyone agreed it was very enjoyable and was something to be repeated next year!" a spokesperson said.



This stall was a winner with staff and pupils alike, who ate their way through a selection of tasty cakes all home baked by the girls.



ABOVE: The Name's Teddy Bear stall proved very popular.



RIGHT and BOTTOM: The head boy (and staff) entered into the spirit of the day and got a good soaking for their pains!



There were queues for this stall – who could manage to throw three balls through the mouth of the rabbit without hitting the teeth. Bags of sweets awaited those who managed this deceptively difficult task!



ABOVE: This bunny went to a loving home when it was won by Leila in year-7.



ABOVE: Luckily, it was a sunny day for those who volunteered to go into the stocks. The Joshua Foundation was the chosen charity to benefit from the ordeal



ABOVE: Guess the result of the rugby match proved very popular. In the afternoon, a team from Bryn Hafren sixth form played Barry Comprehensive to raise funds for...

RIGHT: Who would guess that so many mini eggs could fit into a jar?



Pupils study animals at Palmerston school

THESE pictures were taken when Palmerston School's early year pupils took part in a Zoolab recently.

RIGHT: The centipede is wriggling in Taylor's hand! The children had a superb time handling a variety of minibeasts.



LEFT: Alex brought in her pet snake to meet classmates... His name is Tango!

Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools cross country presentation evening



The Cowbridge team, represented by Oliver Beaman, Joe Beech and Elliot Mears, finished third in the senior boys league.

THE Cardiff and the Vale Schools Athletics Association looked to be in difficulties when the plan to stage the annual cross-country presentation evening at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg hit a major problem, with the school hall being needed for external examinations.

"We stage a very comprehensive programme of activities in the summer term," said association chairman, Mr Rob Graves, the head of PE at St Cyres in Penarth.

"We have a one-week window in May when there are no track and field fixtures, and that's the week that we hold our cross-country evening. We wanted to keep the event in the Vale but, with Bro Morgannwg not able to take us, and the other Vale schools having the same problem, things were looking grim.

"Thankfully, I have had dealings with Barry Town Football Club owner Mr Stuart Lovering in the past, and have always found him most supportive. I called in to the clubhouse to talk the matter over and he and his staff could not have been more helpful.

"The outcome was that the event went ahead on the planned date and we had a room packed with pupils and parents. It was a hugely successful evening, which celebrated the achievements of many talented pupils, and I would like to place on record our association's gratitude to Mr Lovering and Barry Town Football Club for their help and support.

"We were also delighted that Mr Fred Malkin, the chairman of Barry and the Vale Harriers, was able to attend as one of our guests, and help with the presentation of awards."

Although there were a number of encouraging individual performances in the schools' cross-country season, which started in September 2008 with league fixtures and ended in late February 2009 with the Welsh Schools' National cross-country championships at Brecon, the Vale secondary schools, with two exceptions, had to settle for the minor placings in the majority of the 12 league and championship team com-

petitions.

In the league programme, two Vale girls, Kate Coker (Stanwell) on her debut in the year-7 section, and Bonvilston based Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral School) in the years 8 and 9 section, gained the awards as the leading points scorers.

In the championships, held in January and February, the same two girls claimed the individual titles while year-11 Darren Jones was the leading under-17 (years 10 and 11), a section held within the senior boys race.

There were also two team successes in the under-15 (years 8 and 9) section with the Cowbridge quartet of Fiona Bray, Katie Wynne, Rachel Bradshaw, Rebecca John winning the Glamorgan Shield and the Barry Comprehensive squad of Matthew Edwards, Callam Barrie, Rhys James, and Richard Lewis taking the Wiggins Teape Cup.

Thirty-six Vale pupils were awarded their Cardiff and Vale Schools colours medals for representing the district at the Welsh Schools National cross-country championships at Brecon in February 28. They were part of an 88-strong team, the largest-ever fielded by Cardiff and the Vale, with the year-7 girls and the junior (years 8 and 9) boys winning their team competitions, the two senior squads claiming second place and the year-7 boys and junior girls finishing third.

Five Vale athletes received plaques to mark their selection for international teams. Caitlin Bryant represented the Welsh Schools under-15 team at the annual SIAB Schools' international, which was hosted this year by Wales at the Faenol Estate outside Bangor.

Year-13 Tom Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro Morgannwg) competed for Welsh Athletics team at the Celtic Schools and Inter-Association under-20 match, which was held on the same Faenol programme, while Megan Osborne (Llantwit, year-8) and Elliot Mears (Cowbridge, year-10) represented Welsh

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Individual awards winner from the girls championships, Kate Coker (Stanwell winner year-7), Clare Harwood (Radry second under-15), Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral School, winner under-15), Fiona Bray (Cowbridge, third under-15).

Schools at the Adidas Mini London Marathon on April 26. One athlete, Barry College student Vicky Jackson, represented Welsh Schools at Faenol and the Mini Marathon.

Of the four special awards presented at the end of the evening, only one went to a Vale pupil. The Denys Gumbley award for service, a shield named in memory of a long-time member of the Cantonian High School staff, who resided in Harbour Road, Barry, was presented jointly to Tom Whitmarsh-Knight of Bro Morgannwg and Bethan Davies (Llanishen) in recognition for the six years that they have represented the association.

The evening ended with Mr Graves recording the association's thanks to Mr Stuart Lovering and Barry Town FC.

Vale pupils who gained awards: LEAGUE - Individual points winners, year-7 Girls - Kate Coker (Stanwell) 539; Years 8 and 9 girls - Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral) 535.

Teams awards: Year-7 girls - 2 Llantwit Major; Years 8 and 9 girls - 3 Cowbridge; Years 10 to 14 girls - 3 Cowbridge; Years 8 and 9 boys - 2 YG Bro Morgannwg; Years 10 to 14 boys - 3 Cowbridge.

CHAMPIONSHIPS - Year-7 girls - 1st Kate Coker (Stanwell); 3rd Lauren Williamson (St Richard Gwyn); Years 8 and 9 girls - 1st Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral School); 3rd Fiona Bray (Cowbridge); Years 10 and 11 girls - 2nd Bethan Daw (St Cyres); 3rd Cerri-Anne Santos (St Cyres).

Sixth Form girls - 2nd Vicky Jackson (Barry College); Year-7 boys 3rd Josh Kirk (Barry Comprehensive); Years 8 and 9 boys - 2nd Rory Heslop (YG Bro Morgannwg); Year-10 and 11 boys - 1st Darren Jones (Llantwit Major); 3rd Oliver Beaman (Cowbridge).

Sixth Form boys - 2nd

Tom Whitmarsh-Knight; 3rd Joe Beech (Cowbridge).

Teams: Year-7 girls - 3rd Cowbridge: Annabel Curle, Jordan Carpenter, Olivia Brown, Sophie Thomas

under-15 - Years 8 and 9 girls - 1st Cowbridge: Fiona Bray, Katie Wynne, Rachel Bradshaw, Rebecca John.

Year-7 boys - 3rd Llantwit: Ben Owen, Arran Bright, Connor Beattie, Ben Murphy; under-15 - Years 8 and 9 boys - 1st Barry Comprehensive: Matthew Edwards, Callam Barrie, Rhys James, Richard Lewis.

AWARD OF DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY COLOURS to athletes who competed at the 47th Welsh Schools' National Championships at Brecon on February 28, 2009: Year-7 girls - 1st 74 points; 7th Kate Coker (Stanwell); 23rd Erin Hayes (Llantwit); 26th Annabel Curle (Cowbridge); 27th Rachel Cosier (Bryn Hafren); 31st Jordan Carpenter (Cowbridge).

Junior Girls - 3rd 101 points; 6th Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral); 14th Fiona Bray (Cowbridge); 16th Megan Osborne (Llantwit); 28th Anthea Young (Llantwit); 33rd Lucy Tarrant (Llantwit); 56th Rachel Bradshaw (Cowbridge); 57th Katie Wynne (Cowbridge).

Middle girls - 5th 171 points; 14th Bethan Daw (St Cyres); 41st Laura Bowles (Stanwell); 55th Molly-Ann Manley-Lamb (The Cathedral); 62nd Sabrina James Cowbridge.

Senior girls - 2nd 56 points; 3rd Vicky Jackson (Barry College); 30th Elspeth Bisson (Cowbridge).

Year-7 boys - 3rd 118 points; 16th Dafydd George (Bro Morgannwg); 30th Arran Bright (Llantwit); 50th Josh Kirk (Barry); 65th Tim Harry (Stanwell).

Junior boys - 1st 75 points; 16th Rory Heslop (Bro Morgannwg); 17th Matthew Edwards (Barry); 23rd Callam Barrie (Barry); 27th Huw Evans (Stanwell); 58th

Dan Owen (Llantwit). Middle boys - 4th 129 points; 9th Elliot Mears (Cowbridge); 19th Darren Jones (Llantwit); 41st Duke Durham (St Cyres); 42nd Oliver Beaman (Cowbridge); 47th Joseff Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro Morgannwg).

Senior Boys - 2nd 87 points; 13th Joe Beech (Cowbridge); 15th Tom Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro Morgannwg); 35th Dominic Jackson (Howells); 40th Joseff Swain (Bro Morgannwg).

Peter Morris



The Cardiff and Vale team which won the junior (under-15) boys team title at the Welsh Schools national championships in Brecon. The team includes Rory Heslop (Bro Morgannwg), Matthew Edwards (Barry Comprehensive), Huw Evans (Stanwell) and Callam Barrie (Barry Comprehensive).



The Cowbridge squad with the Glamorgan Shield for winning the under-15 girls championships. Katie Wynne, Fiona Bray, Rachel Bradshaw and Rebecca John.



Individual awards winner from the under-17 boys championships, Oliver Beaman (Cowbridge third), Darren Jones (Llantwit first), Declan Court (Cardiff High second).



Erin Hayes collected certificates for the Llantwit team which finished second in the year-7 girls league.



Megan Osborne (Llantwit) with her international plaque. Megan competed for Welsh Schools at the Adidas Mini London Marathon in April.



Mr Paul Darney (president, Cardiff AAC) and Mr Fred Malkin (Chairman, Barry and Vale Harriers) helped present the awards.

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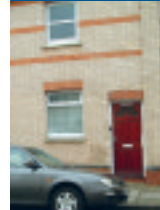
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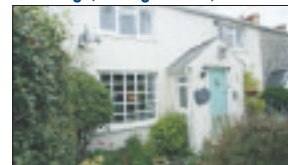
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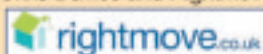


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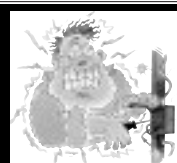
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Location: Old Hall, Cowbridge
Conservation Area: Cowbridge with Llanblethian

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Location: Larkhill, Westgate, Cowbridge
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Listed Building Consent

Application No: 2009/00551/LBC
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Location: Old Hall, Cowbridge
Listed Building: Grade II*

Application No: 2009/00553/LBC
Proposal: Construction of single storey extension to form Orangery. Removal of three windows overbuilt by extension. Removal of glazed pair doors to kitchen to be replaced with window
Location: The Old Rectory, St. Mary Church, Cowbridge
Listed Building: Grade II

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Application No: 2009/00511/FUL
Proposal: Erection of single storey dwelling
Location: Adjacent to 4a, Geraints Close, Cowbridge
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Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below.

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YOUNG READERS TAKE PART IN QUIZ**ABOVE:**

The winners are presented with their shield by Deputy Mayor Colin Teesdale.

IN a week of political and sporting drama around the globe, Pyle Life Centre also played its part - when it hosted a competition featuring some of the county's best young readers.

The winners and runners-up of the Maesteg World Book Day Quiz, Blaencraer Junior School and Nantyllyon Primary School, met their Porthcawl World Book Day Quiz counterparts, Newton and Nottage Primary Schools, to see who would win the coveted Champion of Champions shield.

The competition, now in its second year, turned out to be of the highest standard, with all teams displaying an impressive

breadth of knowledge on literary works that included *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo, *Secrets* by Jacqueline Wilson, *The Brain Full of Holes* by Michael Chatterton and *There's More to Life* by Rachel Billington.

In a close-fought, tense contest, which ended up going right to the wire, Nottage edged a fine win in the very last round, but all schools acquitted themselves well.

The winning team from Nottage Primary school were presented with the Challenge Shield by Deputy Mayor Coun Colin Teesdale. Each contestant went home with a goody bag, which included a specially designed T-shirt commemorating their participation in the quiz.

Tories on march, but Labour hold Ogmore

EUROPEAN election results have shown the Conservatives taking the Vale and Bridgend constituencies, but Labour holding onto Ogmore.

In the Vale, the Conservatives polled 7,611 with Labour second on 4,025. UKIP was third with 3,718 and Plaid was fourth with 3,275. The Lib Dems polled 2,002 and the BNP had 1,171. The Greens had 1,357.

The seats at both Westminster and the Assembly are held by Labour at present.

In Bridgend, Labour polled 3,991 votes compared to the Conservatives 4,695. UKIP took third place with 2,606 votes, pushing Plaid Cymru into fourth place with 2,512. The Lib Dems came in sixth with 2,138.

The BNP polled 1,072 votes and the Green Party had 1,024.

At the moment, Labour holds Bridgend in Westminster and the Welsh Assembly.

In Ogmore, Labour held on comfortably, taking 4,690 votes. Plaid Cymru were second with 2,428 and Conservatives third with 1,719. UKIP polled 1,556, Lib Dems 1,147, BNP 917 and Greens 551.

Labour holds both the Westminster and Assembly seats in Ogmore.

Turn out was much lower at these elections than would be expected at a general election.

Dinas ladies lift Plate after tough tournament

DINAS POWYS Ladies travelled to Gloucester on Saturday to represent the club in a tournament that teams such as Arsenal, Spurs and Aston Villa ladies have graced in recent years.

Setting off at 6.30am, the squad arrived in a jovial mood, looking to put one over their English counterparts.

Fielding two sides in the competition, Dinas boasted the oldest player in Nicole Fowler and the youngest in Hayley Imperato.

The format saw 18 sides split into three groups. After the morning's games, nine teams play for the Gloucester Trophy and nine play for the Gloucester Plate on a

knock out basis.

After some great football in the group stages, both Dinas sides found themselves drawn against each other in the quarter-final.

On a plus side, at least one Dinas team would make the semi-final, but what a position coach Saunders found himself in trying to support both sides. Dinas A managed to record a 2-0 victory, thanks to two goals from Nao.

Dinas B didn't let themselves down, taking defeat on the chin and getting behind their fellow players.

Dinas B players Becky Rees, Vicky Williams and Nicole Fowler were solid throughout, while Laura Murray, Hayley Imperato and Jock never stopped running, chasing and scrapping in every game.

A special mention also to the B side 'keeper, Kate Crossman, who has not played all season due to a broken wrist, but coped brilliantly between the posts.

Dinas A moved on to the semi-final against Forest Green Ladies. This was a tough enough proposition without having to put skipper Bridgeman in goals, due to her taking a knock and having no substitutes.

Dinas found themselves 1-0 up after a few minutes when Nao fired home from close range.

Forest Green drew level moments later and the game went to a golden goal.

With no further goals, it was penalties. Dinas opted to change 'keepers, putting Emma O'Brien in. She was the hero as she saved two out of three and Dinas convert-

ed all their spot kicks, to seal a final place against Dursley Town.

As in the semi-final, the Vale side went at their opponents right from the opening whistle.

Holly Swanick managed to break free before Nao finished off the move, firing into the roof of the net to put the Welsh side one up. Dinas then spent the remaining part of the game defending, with Ceri Harward, Samantha Saunders, Emma O'Brien and Nao stepping up to the plate.

Holly Swanick was left the lone striker working hard to give her defenders a break.

The score remained 1-0 to Dinas Powys, who thoroughly deserved the win.

Dinas Powys not only won the Plate, but they were also awarded the Fair Play Trophy for the

conduct of their players throughout the day.

Coach Saunders said: "I couldn't have been prouder of what the two Dinas sides achieved, not only to win, but to conduct themselves and win by playing football the correct way."

"They were not only a credit to Dinas Powys Football Club, but the Vale and the South Wales Ladies League that they play in."

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Cowbridge tennis results

IT was a clean sweep for Cowbridge Lawn Tennis Club's first and second teams in their home matches against Rhiwbina.

On a warm Tuesday evening, the second team came through a very close match with wins for June Donagh and Jane Wilby, and Pat Thomas and Charlotte Kurobasa.

On a rather damper Sunday morning, the first team narrowly won their match.

This week also saw the men's team and the ladies first team away at Penarth Windsor. Simon Lake and Paul Arnold, and Allen Duggan and Rhodri John, continued their unbeaten run with another convincing win for the men, while the ladies first team lost 4-2.

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Under-13 batsmen are in the runs

RECENTLY, Cardiff and the Vale under-13s completed their third match of the season with a win against Monmouth School.

They lost their opening game against Millfield School, scoring 148 for 9 in 40 overs – thanks to some fine batting from Todd Wilcox (50), Matthew Edwards (24), and Sam Johnson (23 not out).

In reply, Millfield reached their target with five overs to spare with Harri Collier, 5-2-16-2, the pick of the Cardiff and Vale bowlers.

For their second game, they travelled to Llandovery College for the first time, where they posted a very respectable



ABOVE: Gareth Lennon takes guard.

score of 168 for 6 off 30 overs, thanks mainly to Sam Wood (78 not out, including eight fours and four sixes), and Sean Cooper (32, four fours and two sixes).

In reply, Llandovery never looked like reach-

ing their target – thanks to some very positive fielding and a fine spell of bowling from Wilf Howard, who returned figures of 5-0-12-6.

Against Monmouth, they produced a powerful display of batting, scoring 204 for 5 off 35 overs, with the pick of the batsmen being Gareth Lennon (76 ret'd no), Jeremy Lawlor (34 no), and Sean Cooper (30 no).

This total proved far too much for Monmouth, with the home side reaching 87 all out from 30 overs. The home side had no answer to the spin bowling of Scott Matthews, 6-1-16-4 and Jeremy Lawlor, 3-1-10-3.

In their next match they face local opposition, travelling to Ferndale to play Mid Glamorgan on Sunday.

Rugby league for forces charities

AN annual charity match – in which the Royal Marines and the Parachute Regiment play each other at rugby league for the Trafalgar Cup – is coming to the Brewery Field, Bridgend, next Thursday, June 18, at 7pm.

All the proceeds on the night, gate money, programme sales and raffle money, will go to the Afghanistan Trust and the Royal Marines Benevolent Fund.

The Red Devils freefall parachute team will be parachuting into the stadium with the match balls before the game.

Adult tickets are £2, children are admitted free.

Junior tennis festival hailed a great success



Youngsters who took part in the festival are joined by the organisers and special guest Ddraig, the Dragon Sport mascot.

THE Vale's first tennis festival for children with disabilities or additional needs has been held at Penarth Lawn Tennis Club.

Twenty three pupils from four local primary schools – Palmerston, Gwenfo C/W, Ashgrove and Ysgol Erw'r Delyn – all enjoyed taking part, with some playing the sport for the first time.

The festival was organised by the Vale Council's Disability Sport Wales officer, Linda Ruston, after she teamed up with one of the tennis club's coaches, Simon Clarke.

Linda said: "The

smiles on the children's faces said it all. They had a fantastic morning having a go at eight different skill exercises and I really hope that tennis will become an activity that they start to enjoy playing regularly."

"The venue was great and gave the pupils the opportunity to experience tennis in an idyllic environment – it gave them a brilliant taste of the sport."

Linda and Simon were helped on the day by the club's head coach Rob Cunningham, members of the Vale Council's sports and play development team, staff from the schools involved, Tony Pibb from the Cardiff wheelchair tennis club and

three sixth formers from nearby St Cyres Comprehensive School.

Linda added: "Thanks very much to everyone who supported the festival, particularly the three sixth formers – Jordan Roach, David Riseborough and Dan Payne – who were an exceptional help and full of enthusiasm and energy."

There are plans for the festival to be held again next year. In the meantime, Simon Clarke is available to go into the four schools, as well as Ysgol Maes Dyfan in Barry, to provide some follow-up sessions, which will be sponsored by Bernard Cody Motor Engineers of Penarth.



ABOVE: The Dinas ladies A and B teams.

Aberthyn jockeys in one-two finish

Robert Thomas of Cowbridge saw his promising six-year-old bay gelding Micks Prospect land the intermediate race in fine style at the rainswept Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Trecoed on Saturday.

Partnered by Rhys Hughes, who has retained his Welsh riders' championship title, Micks Prospect, who blotted his copybook when falling at the first fence at Bonvilston a couple of weeks ago, made all the running to win by six lengths from Tannyma ridden by Tom David who, like Hughes, is an employee of Tim Vaughan's Aberthyn yard.

Micks Prospect, who is trained by Vaughan's wife Abbi, could go summer racing and his delighted owner said: "I just wanted to see him get around safely today."

Incidentally, Abbi's husband Tim was successful with Rupestrian

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For the first time at a Welsh meeting, racegoers were able to watch the racing on a big screen, courtesy of S4C.

Another horse to make every post a winning one was 14-year-old *Usk Valley* which, under Welsh champion Isabel Tompsett, came home an official six lengths ahead of *Hi Tech Man* in the area feature ladies' open race.

Isabel – who three days previously had landed her first-ever double under Rules at Newton Abbot – was standing in for Ruth Birt-Llewellyn.

Ruth had been unseated from *Mr Who* in a match for the members' race won by *Makena*, who gave Alan Johns (19) his third winner of the season.

Makena, owned by David Evans and trained by Alan's mother Margaret, had caused something of a surprise when winning the Gelligaer Farmers Open race at Lower Machen recently.

John Mathias came in

for a lucky chance ride on Gareth Cheshire's *One To Note* in the restricted race.

Nick Williams was down to ride but his car broke down on the way. However, John proved an able deputy, taking up the running five fences from the finish to score by eight lengths from *Canndar*.

One To Note, who is trained by Gwent's Debbie Faulkner, brought John's seasonal total of wins to 17, and a career total to 30. He has won the West Wales Area Champion Gentlemen Riders' Championship, a title his father Philip won on several occasions.

Nine runners – the biggest field of the day – faced the starter for the open maiden race, which went to *Chopras Choice*, a seven-year-old bay mare who, under Dai Jones, came home three lengths ahead of the well-fancied *Ralahine*.

Chopras Choice, a 25-1 chance, is trained by Marc Barber, who must have had mixed feelings as he rode the runner-up, who is owned

and trained by Sirrel Griffiths of *Norton's Coin* fame.

The winner was running in the colours of the late Mirriam Sullivan – Marc's grandmother – who sadly died before the start of the season.

Dai said: "She was watching over me from up there and I dedicate this win to her."



ABOVE: Rhys Hughes bringing the Welsh point to point season to a close as he wins the final race on the Pembrokeshire Hunt card, the intermediate at Trecoed, in style on the Irish-bred Glamorgan qualifier, Micks Prospect, trained by Abbi Vaughan.

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Rain-postponed game turns into heavy defeat as... Cadoxton Ladies are put on the rack against BP

THE evening league game against BP was played on Tuesday, June 2, at Cadoxton.

This was a game that had been postponed due to very heavy rain.

Rink one: Cadoxton – A Rees, C Hope, P Bryant, Monica O’Callaghan 8; BP – J Ingram, P Vaughan, M Darem, M Greenslade 23.

Cadoxton Ladies started off strongly, gaining four shots in the first two ends.

BP then took control and Cadoxton were unable to score again until ends 13/14, when they scored two shots on each, but were unable to make further headway.

Rink two: Cadoxton – J Wood, J Pycroft, P Cox, J Tuck 9; BP – L Woodcock, M Mathews,

S Parker, Y Lloyd 21.

Cadoxton were able to take six ends only of this 18-end match. On the 11th end, the scores were equal at eight-all.

BP then made a mighty surge forward in the next six ends, making 13 shots to make it impossible to catch up.

Cadoxton 17 – BP 44.
ROMILLY Ladies welcomed the team to play the evening league on June 3.

Rink one: Cadoxton – P Bryant, A Jones, D Evans, P Cox 16; Romilly – R Goldsmith, P Cogbill, G Jones, M Newman 20.

This was a well-fought game by the Cadoxton Ladies, as Romilly were ahead most of the game.

On the 13th end, when the scores were level, Cadoxton scored a three to put themselves

ahead. The last three ends saw Romilly pick up three singles to win the game.

Rink two: Cadoxton – M Paterson, J Wood, M Martin, M O’Callaghan 11; Romilly – J Clarke, J McPherson, R Jones, N Goodrich 24.

Cadoxton Ladies started the game in fine style, scoring 10 shots in the first seven ends. They didn’t score again until the 14th end, during which Romilly had made a big impression making six shots, pulling forward with another seven shots over the last three ends.

Cadoxton 27 – Romilly 44.

Barry Central Ladies joined Cadoxton Ladies for the Thursday afternoon league game on June 4.

The Barry Central team regrettably had to play a lady short due to sudden sickness.

Rink one: Cadoxton – P Bryant, M Slee, D Evans, J Tuck 18; Barry C – F Kemp, P Ditchburn, N Charles, B Davies 12.

Over the first five ends, the score was equal and promised to be a close game.

Then Cadoxton Ladies pulled forward with a healthy nine shots scored over four ends. Barry Central rallied over the last ends, but were unable to catch up.

Rink two: Cadoxton – M Paterson, N Clissett, P Cox, D Davies 24; Barry C – J Bullock, T Hawkins, M Spencer, P Bowyer 10.

On end seven, the

scores were even at five-all, Cadoxton took the lead by scoring 15 shots in the next six ends, making it very difficult for Barry Central to make an impression on the score.

However, five shots were gained on the last few ends to take Barry Central to double figures.

Rink three: Cadoxton – J Pycroft, P Davies, P Currie, M O’Callaghan 19; Barry C – P Taylor, R Gwilliam, J Thomas 10 minus a quarter.

This team suffered because of illness and, as only three people played, a quarter of the shots had to be deducted from their score.

Barry Central did not find the green well until the middle of the game, by which time they were 18-3 down.

Then with a flurry they gained seven shots in four ends but were unable to keep it up.

Cadoxton 61 – Barry

Central 29 1/4.
CADOXTON Bowling Club have started coaching on a Friday afternoon at Victoria Park Cadoxton, from 4pm-5pm.

Children over 9 years of age are welcome along with anyone who might want to give it a go. Qualified coaches await your company.

There is no need to pre-book, but bring a pair of flat shoes or perhaps even slippers to give it a try.

Bowls is an pleasurable pastime good for all ages, no advantage is gained from being young or old.

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NEWS FROM THE THOMAS CARROLL VALE OF GLAMORGAN MIDWEEK CRICKET LEAGUE

Dinas in win over Strollers

DINAS POWYS defeating Tynewydd Strollers by five wickets.

Batting first, Tynewydd scored 107-8

with a clearly injured Steve Oram top-scoring with an unbeaten 29. Steve Bussell returned for 3-22 and Danny Zaman bowled his four overs of left arm spin for just four runs.

Dinas were indebted to skipper Huw Marks’ highest midweek league knock of 75 not out for a win that looked anything less than comfortable.

Barry Internationals

beat Creigiau in the Cup quarter-finals by five wickets, while Lisvane amassed a very healthy score of 181-5 in their 67 run defeat of Dinas Powys.

Four Lisvane batsmen made 26 while Ian Coughtrey took 2-16 for the hosts.

Huw Marks continued his fine form with 34 and Geoff Colley 32 as the villagers mustered just 114-9 in reply.

The semi-finals see the Internationals face Pentyrch.

JEFF MCINERY

Sea View Lads find the May rays are plentiful

FISHING is good at present, buoyed up by good catches of rays, some exceptional specimens among them.

May ended on a high note, with Jodie Velda landing an impressive total of over 25lbs that included a fine small eyed ray of 11lb 6oz, well ahead of Lee Thompson with 13lb 4oz and the Fossil’s 7lb total (which included a fine 4lb 6oz spotted ray).

Others fishing the CIU event at the same time fared less well due to the venue, but Paul Coles managed fourth place in the match and third overall against a massive field in the CIU competition with 3lb 6oz.

The following Sunday

wake. Weymouth looms ever closer and both shore and boat anglers have match- es booked and look forward to bringing some Bream to the scales.

The rain prevents Stags making ground in league

SIGNS of the summer downpours were beginning to take its toll as the match between Barry Athletic CC Second XI and Ponthir CC was cancelled.

Neither of the other two matches, involving Barry Athletic CC First XI and Ponthir CC, or Barry Athletic CC Third XI and Aberdare CC, were played.

This weekend sees Barry First XI play host to Hoover Sports CC. This is a vital match for the Stags as pressure begins to grow, and they can’t afford

any more slip-ups.

This fixture also sees Barry Second XI head in the opposite direction, heading towards Merthyr Tydfil, to face Hoover Sports CC.

Like the firsts’ match, this is also must win if the Stags hope to avoid relegation to the Thomas Carroll South Wales Cricket League Division Two.

The following Sunday will see Cesc Andre’s Barry Third XI pay a visit to Creigiau CC, hoping to build on the emphatic win last week, at Ponthir CC.

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Barry Athletic trio make Welsh squad for bowls championships

THREE members of Barry Athletic Bowls Club are included in the Welsh squad for the British Isles Championships in Northern Ireland later this month.

Regular Athletic PG1 skips Robert Horgan and Chris Blake are called up, while Bethan Horgan is named in the Welsh Junior Ladies team.

Robert and Chris are established internationals and continue to bring

honour to the Island club. Chris won his first Wales cap in 1994-95 and Robert made his senior bow in 1999.

Athletic member Glyn Thomas was selected for the first Welsh trial of the season at Llandrindod Wells last month, but had to scratch due to illness. Glyn, a former British pairs champion with Robert Horgan, has represented his country in the past.

Heavy rain ruined last weekend’s fixtures – the PG1 match against

Whitchurch and the PG2 clash at Llanbradach, will have to be rearranged.

This Saturday, Athletic first string entertain Rhiwbina and the second squad are away to Cardiff Sophia Gardens.

A below-strength Barry Athletic line-up

went down by 31-50 to Llantwit Major in the two rink Alan Martin Trophy at the Island on Sunday.

The Athletic have dominated the event for a number of seasons, but found the visitors in good form and were beaten comfortably on both rinks.

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Barry Central have soaking start to their Cardiff league campaign

IN their centenary year, Barry Central have had a mixed start to the season. Their involvement in the Carruthers Shield competition has proved to be a challenge that they could not withstand, having been beaten in all four matches that they were involved in.

On a brighter note, the Monroe Cup has proved more of a success, with wins against Barry Athletic and Penarth Belle Vue, and one narrow loss against

Dinas Powis.

They have also had a successful start to the Alan Martin Cup, where they beat Cadoxton in the first round.

They have also entertained a team from the South Vale Bowling Association as part of their centenary fixtures, and a splendid afternoon was enjoyed with the team that the president, Mr Bryan Rogers, brought to Gladstone Gardens.

Last Monday, (June 8) the club played against the chairman of the Cardiff and District League, who brought a team to play Central in another game as part of

their Centenary season. Unfortunately there is nothing to report as to the fixture on Saturday due to the green at Ferndale being under water.

This was to be Central’s first game in the Cardiff and District League Division Three.

The fixture will be re-arranged for later in the year.

Barry Central are still on the look out for new blood as we have, during the close season, lost quite a few of our older members.

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